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Gas Firing for Steam Boilers.

In no country, probably, has necessity enforced a closer economy of fuel and a better utilization of inferior grades of combustibles than in Germany, and it is natural that there engineers and manufacturers should at an early period turn to gas firing as a means of reducing the cost of generating steam, especially since numerous applications in metallurgy held out promise of success. It was soon found that the heating of the air of combustion and the simultaneous cooling of the side walls of the producer were important elements, and that a point carefully to be considered was the thorough admixture of the air and gas at the proper point consistent with a due regard for the durability of the furnace. A very interesting series of experiments in this direction were made recently by Herr Haupt, of Brieg, whose apparatus are shown in the accompanying illustrations. The plant first adopted and tried by him was that shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, in which G represents the producer, having a charging hopper, A. The air for this producer was furnished by a Koerting injector, a system meeting with much favor on the Continent. This air was heated to an average temperature of 190 degrees, by being passed through pipes built into the walls of the producer and the boiler, as shown in the drawings. It will be seen that the gases, passing by the valve *v*, Fig. 1, through the flue *c*, swept by the fire-brick arches *z z*, Figs. 1 and 3, and mixing with the air coming in from the side, turned into a small mixing chamber, from which they issued and ignited at the points *a a*, Figs. 1 and 3. Herr Haupt found by experiment that the distance between this point of ignition and the boiler affected the results very materially, the most favorable distance being about 24 inches. It was noticed that the arrangement shown in Fig. 3 (see page 3), of allowing the air to come from one side only, was unsatisfactory, as it did not admit of as thorough a mixture of air and gas as was desirable. The construction was modified, as shown in Fig. 6 (see page 3), and it was observed that the maximum temperature was generated near the points *a a* (Fig. 6), and that at *b b*, the temperature had fallen to about 1770° F. This fact accounts for the durability of the fire-brick arches, as well as for the immunity of the bottom of the boiler from injury. A good deal of trouble was, however, met with in the management of the producer, particularly as it only worked, at most, for three days with any single description of coal, the quality of the coal being then changed in order that another variety might be experimented with. If very bituminous coal were used the whole mass fused together in the producer, and was only broken up with very great difficulty; if the coal were very small it produced little gas, and the blast had to be increased, which often cut air-ways through the mass and caused partial explosions.

The maximum evaporations were 8.5 lbs. to 9 lbs. of water per pound of coal, and the minimum, 5 lbs. to 6 lbs., the actual evaporations being reduced to their equivalents, which would have been obtained had the water been boiled off at atmospheric pressure, and the temperature of the feed been 32° F. The greatest difficulty was, however, found in lighting the gas and getting under way at starting. This was done by inserting a torch into the hole of Figs. 1 and 2, but, notwithstanding the great care used in doing so, partial explosions took place several times; so the whole arrangement of separate producer was abandoned, as those responsible for the safety of the boiler, which was working at a pressure of 90 to 105 lbs. per square inch, hesitated to continue the experiments under the circumstances.

In order to arrive practically at the best form and proportions for the producer in its new and simpler type, an experimental furnace embodying some new features was built, the bottom of the fire arch being kept at a distance of about 2 feet above the grate level. Several different kinds of fuel were tried, some containing as much as 50 or 60 per cent. of ash, as well as the mud remaining in the coal-washing machines; but even with these very unfavorable fires it was impossible to choke the furnace. These results were considered so promising that the separate producer shown in Figs. 1 and 2 was taken down, and replaced by that shown in Figs. 4 and 5, all the necessary alterations having been carried out by four bricklayers in three days. After the alterations were completed, it was found possible, when firing with gas, to evaporate 1½ lbs. to 2½ lbs. more water per pound of coal than had been evaporated when the boiler was fired in the ordinary way; it was also observed that the boiler was capable of generating twice the weight of steam obtained formerly. In a trial carried on for 11 hours, the coal-fired boiler evaporated about 11,000 lbs. of water, at a pressure of 90 lbs. to 105 lbs. per square inch, the feed temperature being 50° F. The total heating surface exposed was 430 square feet, or, say, 2325 lbs. of water evaporated per hour per square foot of heating surface. Under similar conditions the gas-fired boiler evaporated from 20,000 lbs. to 23,540 lbs. of water, or, say, from 4.41 lbs. to 5 lbs. of water per square foot of heating surface per hour, and even at this high rate of evaporation the temperature in the flue leading to the chimney never exceeded 662° F. The most rapid evaporation possible to produce

with the coal-fired boiler was 19,250 lbs., but the temperature of the escaping gases then rose to 932° F., and the evaporation of water per pound of coal diminished to 6 lbs. to 6½ lbs. The temperature at W in Fig. 5 was found, by a Weinhold pyrometer, to be 2306° F., which is considered to be much below that often locally generated under boilers fired in the ordinary way. This, and the almost perfect uniformity of the heat produced, are the principal causes of the moderate wear and tear which takes place in the boilers and in the fire-brick arches. The remarkable simplicity of these furnaces and the results obtained with them are strong points in favor of their adoption. It should not be forgotten, however, that many of the small details, such as the di-

absolute failures were nearly seven to every absolute success. This is not very encouraging to strikers; but the proportion given in Massachusetts is larger than it usually is, the general fact being that only one out of ten strikes achieves its aim.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

Mr. Robert Gill, writing to the Engineer, describes

A PRESSURE GAUGE FOR SMALL PRESSURES, which he devised in order to measure furnace drafts. The apparatus consists simply of a fine horizontal tube, ending in two larger vertical legs, one of which may be connected by flexible tubing with the space of the gas

a Mr. Smith, of Nottingham, and intended to indicate the strength of steam in steam engine boilers. It is particularly adapted for steamboats, and can be placed in the cabin, on deck, or any part of the vessel, where it may be seen by every passenger on board. It may also be fixed in the office of every manufactory where a steam engine is used at a considerable distance from the boiler. I am so much pleased with it that I have put one up at one of my own collieries. It is some distance from the boiler—in another house—and works most beautifully, showing the rise and fall of the steam in the most delicate manner. The indicator is like the face of a clock, with a pointer, making one revolution in measuring from 1 pound to 100 pounds upon the square inch of the

Mr. Gramme, the well-known French designer and builder of dynamo-electric machines, has recently brought out

AN IMPROVED DYNAMO-ELECTRIC MACHINE, illustrations of which are published in the *Revue Industrielle* by M. Hippolyte Fontaine, an authority on the electric light. The construction of the machine, which has some special points of interest, is as follows: Two round, cast-iron frame plates, firmly connected by bolts and provided with bearings for the main shaft, are bolted down to a cast-iron foundation plate. One of these frame plates has a wide, circular, inner flange, upon the inside of which the four electro-magnets of the exciting apparatus are mounted. The six rotating electro-magnets are fixed radially around a hexagonal sleeve, which is attached to the shaft by bolts, to which the armature is fastened also. The shaft carries at one end the small exciting coil and on the other the induction coil, the one creating a continuous and the other alternating currents. The method of coiling the wires differs slightly from that adopted in the other machines, as instead of winding one wire, two are coiled, in order to obtain tension currents for small lights or quantity currents for large ones. For regulating the power of the machine a copper wire, the length of which may be varied, is introduced between the exciting bobbin and the electro-magnets. During a number of experiments made with the two sizes manufactured until now, the following results were obtained:

Revolutions per Minute.	Power. Foot Pounds.	No. of Lights.	Intensity. Each Light. Candel.
1,140	1,049	2	45
1,200	1,475	4	47
1,330	2,387	6	44
1,400	2,748	8	42
1,440	2,546	12	35
1,380	2,244	8	38
1,300	2,076	6	37.5
1,320	2,416	6	50.2
1,460	2,790	8	47.2
1,000	2,790	16	48.0
1,000	2,730	20	34
1,000	2,790	25	31.5

The cost of the machinery is stated to be reduced by one-half when compared to the prices prevalent two years since, while the carbons employed last longer now and are sold at lower figures.

According to the *Comptes Rendus*, a series of experiments, conducted by M. Tresca, was made on

THE TRANSMISSION OF POWER BY ELECTRICITY.

with Gramme machines, which, it will be remembered, were tried about a year since in France for plowing. These, it appears, were continued with a double Brabant plow, making a furrow 241 yards long. The velocity of the plow, when the circuit of the current was 875 yards, was 34.6 inches per second, the shaft making 1123 revolutions per minute; when the circuit was increased to 1422 yards, the velocity was increased to 27.56 inches and the revolutions of the shaft to 890. The effective work was estimated at 3 horse-power.

In a recent number of the *Technologiste*, M. Violle gives the results of experiments made with improved apparatus to determine

THE MELTING POINT OF SOME METALS.

The figures reached by him are the following: Silver, 1749° F.; gold, 1863°; copper, 1890°; platinum, 3195°; iridium, 3510°. Pure copper, it will be seen, melts at a higher temperature than gold, while ordinary commercial copper fuses below 1035°.

Dr. Granville Cole has drawn attention, in a paper read before the British Society of Arts, to

A NEW METALLIC COMPOUND.

which he states possesses properties that are likely to make it valuable in many branches of the arts. It was discovered some time since, by J. Berger Spence, that the sulphides of metals, combined with molten sulphur, form a liquid, which on cooling becomes a homogeneous mass of dark gray color and possessing great tenacity, while it is not affected by the atmosphere, and resists acids and alkalis well. It has a comparatively low melting point, 320° F., and expands in cooling so that it fills molds very accurately, so well indeed that the marks of a finger on a plate of glass are reproduced. Experiments are being made to test its adaptability for printing and stereotyping purposes, and casts from gelatine molds have been made without destroying them. It has been tried by the South Metropolitan Gas Works for joining gas pipe, with such success, as regards the tightness of the joint and the ease and rapidity with which it is applied, that it has been adopted by the engineer of that corporation. Over lead it has the advantage of being much cheaper and of doing away with caulking, while its property of being a bad conductor of heat suggests other important uses. For the specimens exhibited iron pyrites, containing lead and zinc, were used, the material obtained being capable of receiving a polish. Various colors, such as the patina of bronze, the dark blue of steel and the appearance of silver and gold have been imparted to it; so that there is some promise of its being available for the reproduction of works of art.

Herr Krupp's estimate for steel girders for the Forth bridge is 15 per cent. lower than the lowest estimate from any other firm, British or foreign. The saving by the use of German steel is £30,000. The specifications require that the girders shall be delivered at South Queensferry.

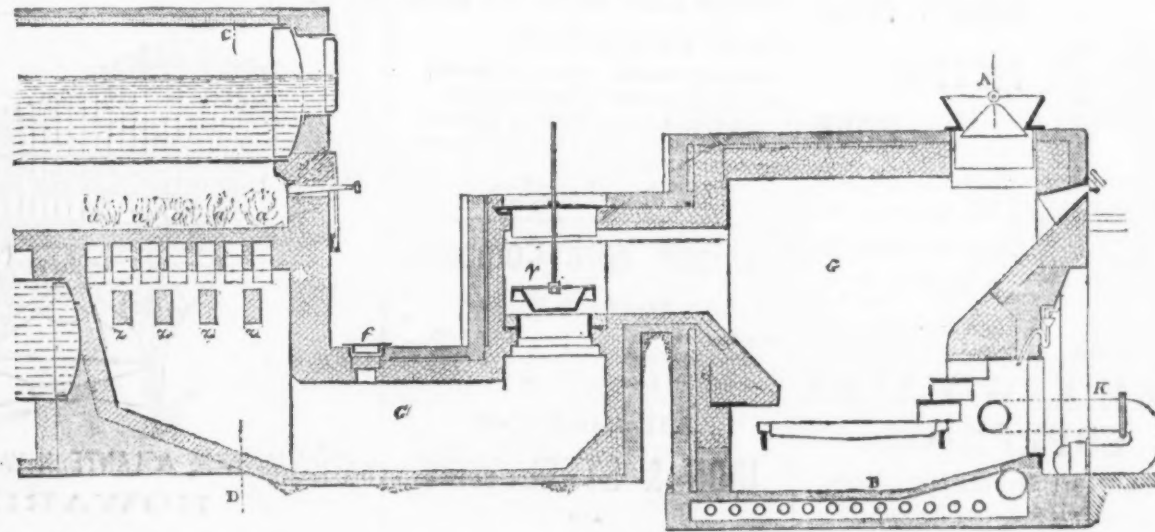


Fig. 1.—Vertical Section of Gas Producer.

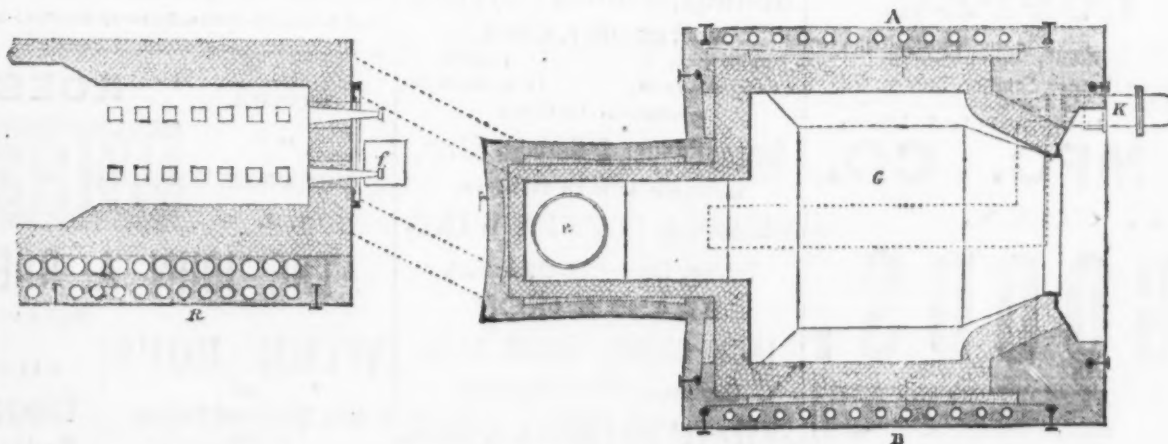


Fig. 2.—Horizontal Section of Gas Producer.

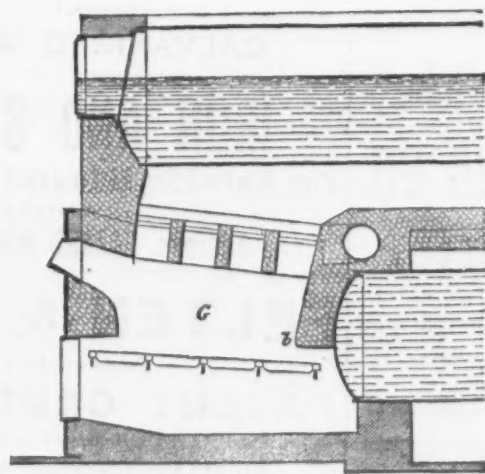


Fig. 4.—Vertical Section of Boiler.

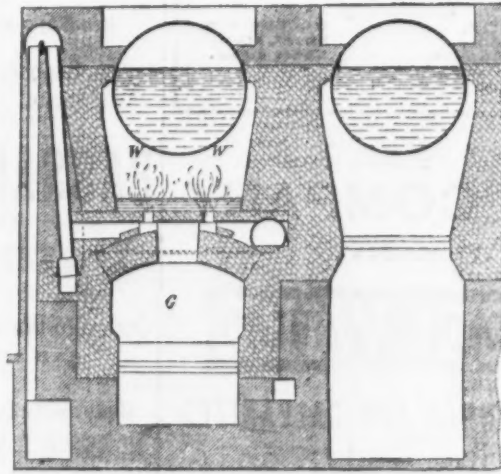


Fig. 5.—Cross-Section of Boiler.

RECENT GERMAN DESIGNS OF BOILERS FIRED WITH GAS.

mensions of the producer, the diameter of the air pipes, pressure of blast, etc., must be varied to suit the requirements of each locality, and that therefore a close copy of Herr Haupt's design is by no means necessarily the best.

Strikes in Massachusetts.—The report of the Massachusetts Bureau, which has just been published, furnishes some valuable information about strikes in a State where manufacturing of various kinds is so extensively carried on. It chronicles 159 strikes, of which 59 were in cotton or woolen mills and 34 in the shoe trade. Thirty-two of the strikes were among native operatives, and the remaining 127 either among foreign operatives or those of unknown nationality. As to the result, 119 failed completely; 16 were compromised, six partially succeeded, and 18 entirely succeeded—that is, the ab-

pressure of which is sought. In the horizontal tube, fitted with a fluid, is a small gas bubble, which naturally travels a certain distance from the middle line of the tube when the pressure in one leg is lower than in the other. If the tube be one-twelfth of an inch in diameter and the legs half an inch, the indicating bubble will travel over a distance 36 times greater than that through which the water moves in the leg. A scale permits easy measurement of the exact distance. Water mixed with spirits of wine was found by Mr. Gill to give good results.

The following interesting letter, written by the famous George Stephenson on the 15th of October, 1847, is cited as establishing the claim of Mr. Sydney Smith, of Nottingham, England as

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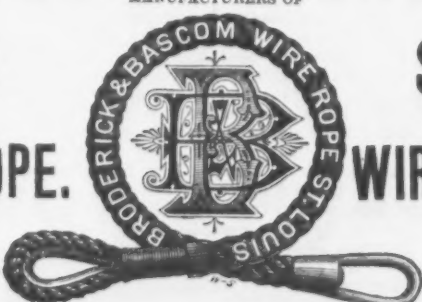
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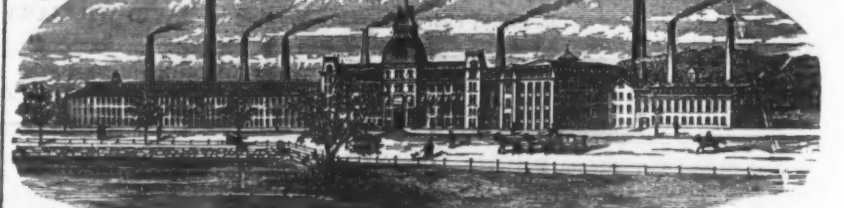
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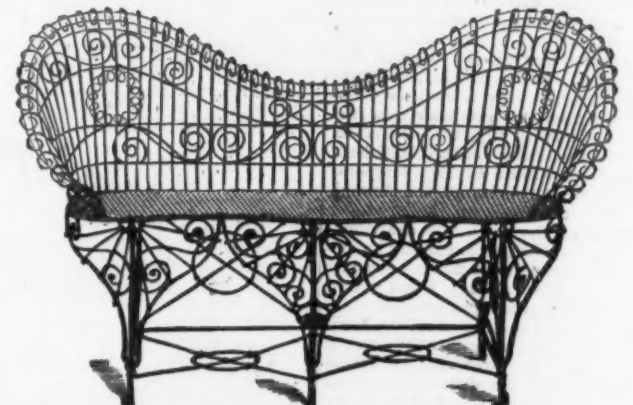
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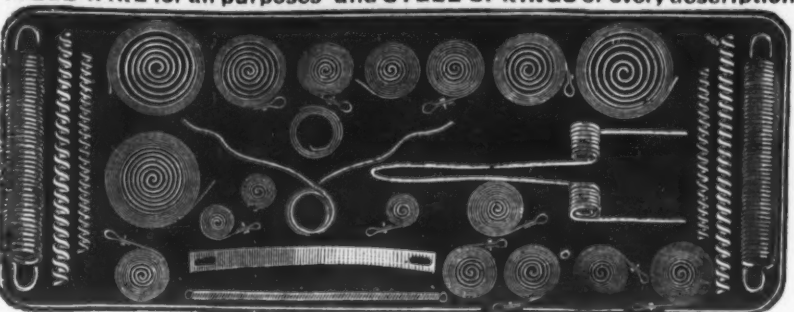
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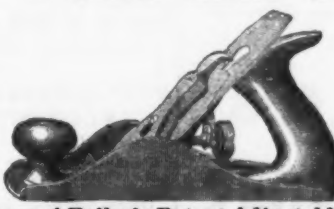
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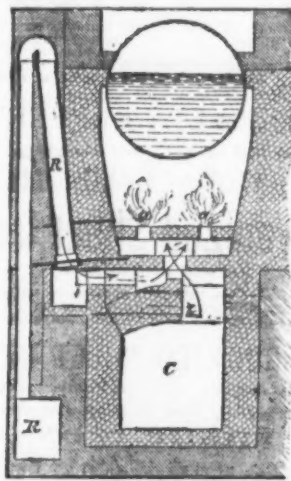
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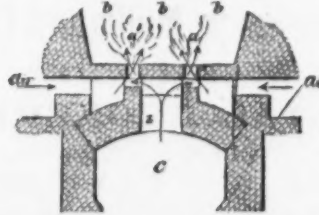
Before a recent meeting of the Iron, Coal and Manufacturers' Association, Gen. J. T. Wilder delivered a lecture on the mineral resources of that portion of Tennessee of which Chattanooga is the central point. As a brief and lucid presentation of the facts, we commend it to the attention of the readers of *The Iron Age*:

The coal field of Tennessee extends entirely across the State, from Kentucky to Georgia and Alabama, being an extension of the Appalachian coal fields, whose northern extremity is in Northern Pennsylvania, and extends southwesterly across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee and ends in Central Alabama. The coal field of Tennessee covers 5100 square miles; there are about 4000 square miles in Alabama and 250 square miles in Georgia, all belonging to the lower coal measures. All these broad acres, excepting a small area in Alabama, form a covering for the Cumberland table land, raised above the surrounding country, with an outcrop above the drainage level of the valleys on either side, easily



Gas Firing for Steam Boilers.—Fig. 3.—Ver-
tical Section of Boiler.

opened, ventilated and drained. From Cum-
berland Gap, on the Virginia line on the
northwestern side of the Valley of East Ten-
nessee, down to Chattanooga, 260 miles, is a
continuous outcrop of from one to three
workable veins of coal, all above drainage
level. From Chattanooga to Tuscaloosa,
Alabama, 100 miles, along the northwestern
side of Lookout, Wills' and Jones' valleys,
through which runs the Alabama Great
Southern Railroad, this same outcrop con-
tinues. On the southeast side of Lookout
and Wills' valleys is the outcrop of the
same coal beds, in the upper section of
Lookout Mountain, for 75 miles. The Ten-
nessee River bisects it at Chattanooga
through to Shellmound, Alabama, and then
skirts its northwestern side, 75 miles fur-
ther, nearly to Decatur, Alabama. The
Sequatchee River cuts a deep trough through
it from the Crab Orchard Mountain in Cum-
berland County, Tennessee, 65 miles south-
westerly to the Tennessee River at South
Pittsburgh, 20 miles west of Chattanooga, bi-
furcating the coal field of Tennessee, and leav-
ing the Wallen's Ridge coal field, about 10
miles wide, between the Sequatchee and East
Tennessee valleys, with the Tennessee River
running parallel to its southeastern base,
and from three to five miles distant from the
line of the coal outcrop. From Chattanooga
to Emory River, a distance of 80 miles,
parallel to the outcrop of this coal field, and



Gas Firing for Steam Boilers.—Fig. 6.

along its base, runs the Cincinnati Southern
Railroad. The Emory River rises on top of
the broad Cumberland coal field, runs south-
east across its edge, and empties into the
Cincinnati Southern Railroad follows the valley of
the Emory River, climbing with an easy
grade 30 miles to the summit of the coal
field, until it reaches the waters of the
Cumberland River, and then follows a nat-
ural slope, with a moderate grade to the
Cumberland River at Point Burnside, having
run 80 miles from Chattanooga along the
southeastern base of the coal measures, and
then directly on and across them 70 miles
further toward Cincinnati.

These lower coal beds, easily and cheaply
opened and worked, are the best suited for
making good qualities of iron, being gener-
ally free from sulphur and making a good
quality of coke. The Chattanooga blast fur-
nace uses from 70 to 80 bushels of coke to
smelt a ton of No. 1 foundry iron, and the
Rockwood furnaces about the same
amount, the coke in both instances being
made from the same coal seam, called the
"Sewanee," at Tracy City in Grundy
County, and the Rockwood seam at Rock-
wood, in Roane County, localities 100 miles
apart. This coal belongs to the lower coal
measures, and lies on top of the great layer
of conglomerate rock of the lower carbonif-
erous period. This seam is, where undis-
turbed, from 4 to 5½ feet thick. There is
no good reason why this superior coal could
not be cheaply mined on the banks of the
Tennessee River, immediately below Chat-
tanooga, where the river cuts a deep gorge
across and through the Wallen's Ridge coal
field, a distance of more than 10 miles, with
coal cropping out on both banks of the river
and high above it. When the Muscle Shoals
of the Tennessee River are made navigable,
a large industry can here be made profitable
by supplying cheaply, from this source, coke
equal to the best "Connellsville," to the iron
districts of West Tennessee, Western Ken-

tucky, and Missouri, and suitable for smelt-
ing Bessemer and foundry pig iron.

Having thus hastily shown you the posi-
tion of the first element of successful manu-
facturing industries—abundant coal of ex-
cellent quality—I will now point out to you
the location of that other twin element of
recognized national power and growth,
abundant beds of iron ore. By looking at
the map of Chattanooga mineral district,
you will see the great broad bifurcated,
dark belt of the coal formation, split in two
northeast and southwest by the Sequatchee
Valley, margined and bisected by the deep
cut of the Tennessee River above and below
Chattanooga, and radiated by the seven rail-
roads converging here. On the eastern side
of the Sequatchee Valley you will notice a
red marginal line extending 65 miles up
that valley, to its head. Again, you will
see a long red line beginning in Central Ala-
bama, near Tuscaloosa, following the south-
east edge of the Alabama coal field, running
on both sides of the Alabama Great Southern
Railroad to Chattanooga, 150 miles, extend-
ing all around Lookout Mountain, which is
80 miles long, and centering in one red line
at Chattanooga; then following the south-
east base of the Wallen's Ridge coal field, 80
miles northeast along the line of the Cin-
cinnati Southern Railroad, and continuing
on in the same position and direction until
it passes into Virginia, near Cumberland
Gap. You will also notice another red line cut
through by the Tennessee River in a number
of places from Rockwood down to Piney
River, a distance of 20 miles. You will also
see at Clinton, on the Clinch River north
of Knoxville, another red line running
southwest, crossing the Tennessee River
five miles above Kingston, continuing its
course parallel to the Tennessee and about
three miles southeast of it, 40 miles to the
Hiwassee River, then gradually curving
more to the south, crossing the East Ten-
nessee Railroad near Ooltewah, 15 miles
east of Chattanooga, and the Western and
Atlantic Railroad, near Ringgold, Georgia,
13 miles from Chattanooga, and crossing
the proposed railroad from Chattanooga to
Rome, Georgia, 25 miles from Chattanooga,
then southwest 60 miles along the north side
of the Coosa River to Gadsden, Alabama,
where it runs into a like red line at the
eastern base of Lookout Mountain.

These long red lines—aggregating over
900 miles in all—mark the line of an out-
crop of wonderful beds of fossiliferous red
hematite iron ore, none of it more than 15
miles from the eastern outcrop of the coal
measures. These ore seams belong to the
Clinton rocks of the upper silurian period, and
lie bedded in green shales, about 100 feet be-
low the black bituminous shale of the devo-
nian era, which, through all this distance, is
about 50 feet thick, and is covered by the
great limestone beds of the sub-carboniferous
period. All these formations lie like the leaves
of a book, flat bedded on each other, and gen-
erally tilted up and broken into high ridges,
or folded into deep synclinal troughs or val-
leys, in either case exposing the edges of the
ore beds, making it easy to find, ready to
mine, abundant in quantity and always ac-
cessible. These beds usually average 3 to 5
feet in thickness—sometimes more. Now
turn north with me to the southeastern side
of the valley of Tennessee. Here you will
see a wonderful succession of parallel
ridges, running northeast and southwest
along the northwestern base of the high
Appalachian chain of mountains, which
skirt the southeast side of the great valley of
East Tennessee. All along this region are
very large beds of brown hematite or limon-
ite iron ore, apparently exhausted in quan-
tity, and extending from Central Alabama
in a continuous chain beyond the Virginia
line, a distance of more than 300 miles. From
this ore is made the fine car-wheel iron of
Alabama, Georgia, and East Tennessee,
smelted in cold-blast furnaces with charcoal
for fuel. This grand chain of ore beds usu-
ally lies bedded on the lower layers of the
lower silurian rocks, in proximity to the
metaphoric rocks, and distant from the coal
field 30 to 40 miles. These ores are accessi-
ble by railroads in Northwest Georgia and
Eastern Alabama, and can be laid down in
Chattanooga at \$2.50 per ton. They usually
yield about 50 per cent. of iron in the
blast furnaces. The fossiliferous ores yield
from 45 to 56 per cent. of pig iron in
the Chattanooga Blast Furnace—all are
easily smelted and cost here from \$1.75 to
\$2.25 per ton. An excellent quality of lime-
stone is found near the coal and iron beds.
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Furnace contains 96 per cent. of carbonate
of lime, and costs at the furnace 50 cents
per ton. On the southeast side of the Ten-
nessee Valley are found large veins of mag-
netic iron ore, similar to the ores of Iron
Mountain, Missouri; it is a rich black oxide,
yielding about 66 per cent. of metallic iron,
free from sulphur or phosphorus, and low in
silica, very suitable for the manufacture of
the finest grades of steel—I refer to the
"Cranberry" ore beds of Carter County,
East Tennessee, and Mitchell County, North
Carolina. These ores, when reached by the
proposed railroad, can be delivered at Chat-
tanooga cheaper than ores of like quality can
anywhere reach coal suitable to smelt them.

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ture of iron at Chattanooga, combined with
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per cent.; Pryor's Station, Alabama, brown
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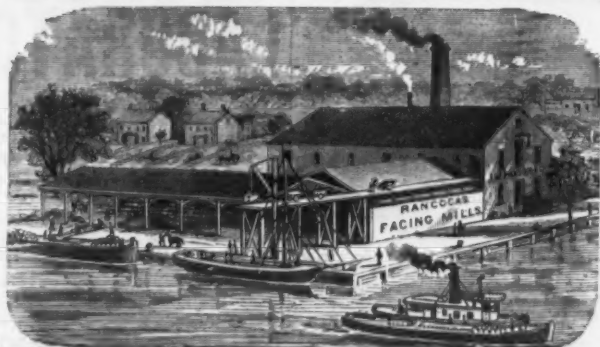
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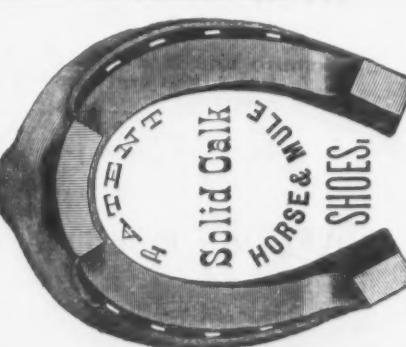
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fact seems to exist in this district: The red
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iron and freer from phosphorus and silica.
This holds good, so far as I know, through-
out the entire district, and better iron is,
therefore, made when ore from the different
veins are mixed in the blast furnace.

**The Vibration and Fire Risk of High
Factory Buildings.**

A late article, by a Boston underwriter of
textile mill risks, states that in many New
England mills the vibration will, in the
loftiest structures, cause water to slop over
from a pail two-thirds full, if the pail be
placed on one of the highest floors. Gas
pendants show corresponding vibration
(plainest when loosely hinged) by swaying
2 or 3 inches. Such tremor, though in less
degree, has been noticed in heavily built
four-story stone mills, and even in those
having iron floors with brick arches. In
one of the last-named kind it became neces-
sary, before satisfactory work could be
done, to put wooden blocks in the walls,
upon which the iron girders might rest.
This jarring is not only hard on shafting
and hangers, but especially detrimental to
cog-wheels and all delicately set machinery.
The American Exchange and Review, com-
menting on these facts, points out that there
is another view of this subject, increasing
the disadvantages of vibrations. It is in
accordance with natural laws, just as iron
constantly jarred becomes more granular in
form and weaker in cohesive force, that
walls of brick or stone subject to constant
tremor shall become disintegrated and weak-
ened. In such a case the work of the fire is
partly done before ignition commences.
The buildings may not fall before a fire, as
in the case of the large Pemberton mills
some years ago, but when fire attacks a fac-
tory whose walls have for years been shak-
ing, as with a chronic chill, the whole build-
ing is likely to fall into one mass of ruin
early in the fire, or else the fire be much
more extended by the falling of some of the
long-shaken walls, than if they had been
able to resist the suddenly added molecular
vibrations of intense heat. There is un-
doubtedly a difficulty in strengthening
wooden girders with iron rods and trusses,
for in case of fire such compound girders are
weaker than one of wood only, because,
trusting to the iron, they are frequently
overloaded; and it is during strong heat
that the weakness of iron becomes apparent.
Rectangular iron knees to brace girders to
walls are objectionable, because, in a fire,
when the interior pillars yield, the ends of
girders in the wall may so hold that the lever-
age of the long timber will pull the walls
inward. It should be remembered that by
the intense heat of a fire heavy walls are
temporarily weakened, but if strong enough
to stand, their strength returns after cool-
ing, and they can often be used in case of
rebuilding or restoring. Synchronous vi-
bration is very dangerous to any structure,
and for this reason platoons of soldiers are
never allowed to march over even the
strongest bridge; they must "break step"
and walk with irregular tread.
It is a fact that in mills of ordinary con-
struction a safe form for stability and for
low rate of fire destructibility, is two stories
high, extending over sufficient space to give
the room required. It is safe to assume
that equal cubic content, with double the
base area, has but one-half the fire loss li-
bility of the double altitude, with conditions
otherwise equal. Add to the fire result of
difference in height the effect of the greater
vibration of the higher structure, and the
hazard of the higher structure is yet further
augmented.

It is self-evident that a two-story mill,
even if not properly built, would naturally
shake less; and for several other reasons
the walls are more likely to stand after fire,
than in case of factories having many lofty
stories. A one-story mill with cement floor
—and especially if all the roof be iron—is
the safest fire risk any manufacturing com-
pany can offer; but next to it comes the two-story
mill, which, for many kinds of work, is far
more convenient and easier to operate than
the other, while always as much cheaper as
a floor is cheaper than a roof; and in a city
but half the amount of costly ground would
be needed. If such a two-story mill had, at
proper intervals, strong dividing brick walls,
extending several feet through the roof, and
iron doors for communication, sliding into
the wall, not only would such division wall
brace the building so as to prevent vibra-
tion, but it is probable that in case of fire
only one compartment, and perhaps only one
story of that compartment, would be
seriously injured.

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agreement. It is understood that the new
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during the present week to lay a cable con-
necting the English with the French wires
of the company.

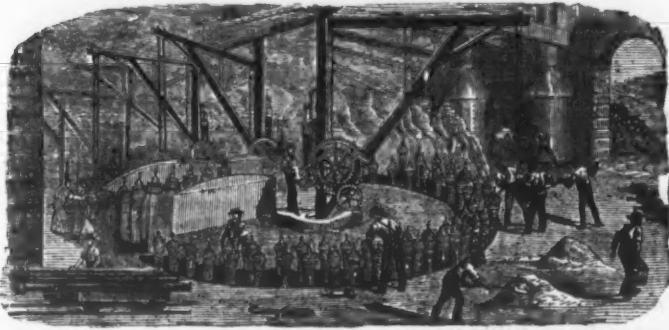
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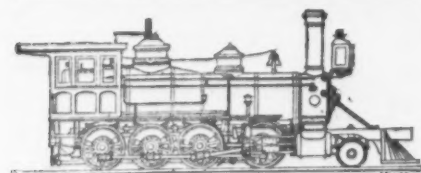
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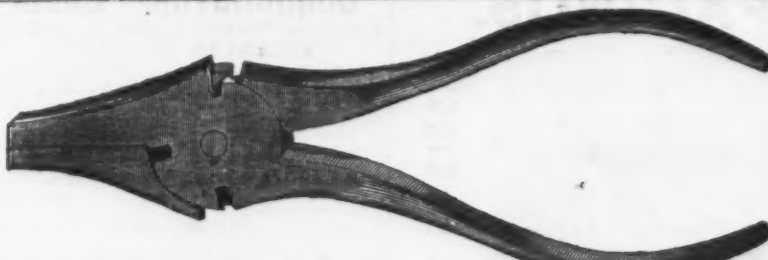
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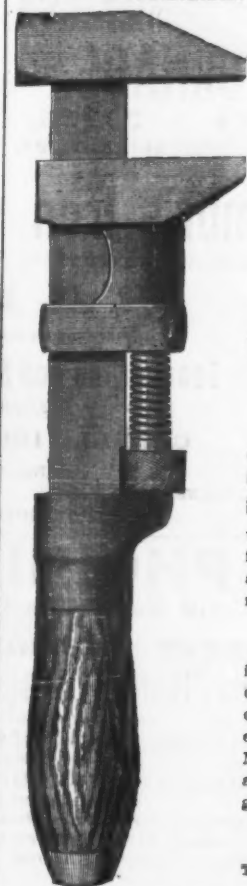
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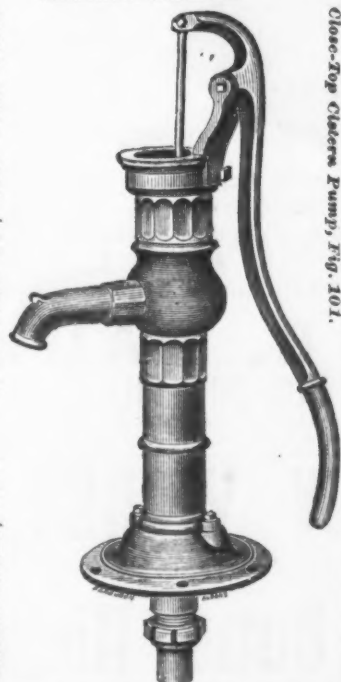
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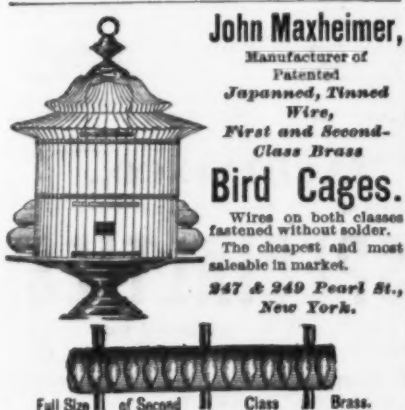
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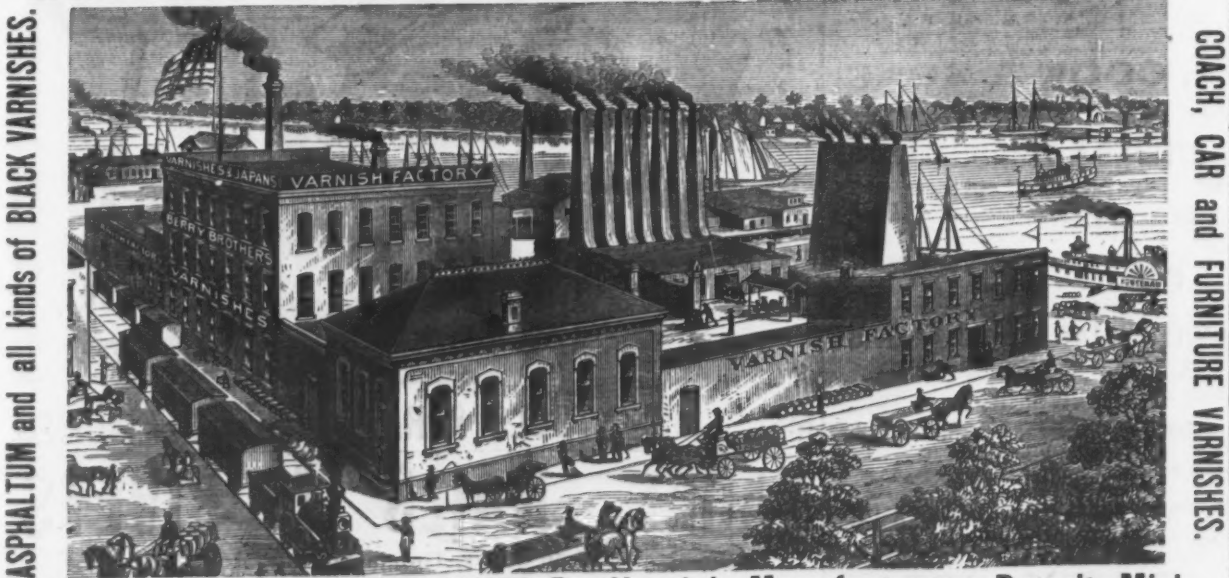
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The Butler Mine Fire Cut-Off.

Before a recent meeting of the Engineers' Club, of Philadelphia, the following interesting communication was read on the Butler mine fire cut-off, coming from Mr. C. T. Conrad, superintendent of the mine:

The fire in the Butler colliery, a short distance from the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, on the outskirts of Pittston, Penn., continues to burn fiercely. At present it is estimated that 10 acres of anthracite are glowing in the upper vein, and the most startling phase of the affair is that the miners in the employ of the company are working the vein beneath. A visit to the workmen in their subterranean oven gives some idea of the intensity with which the fire is raging over their heads. Although separated from them by 70 feet of solid rock, yet the heat is so great that they are compelled to work without a particle of clothing upon them, excepting a light pair of drawers or overalls. The perspiration pours constantly from their bodies, and the temperature is much the same as if they were at work in presence of a roaring furnace. It is very seriously questioned by those understanding the situation whether the men should be permitted to work in this intensely perilous position. Even the air they breathe has to pass through the flames of the burning vein before it reaches them, and it is understood that Mine Inspector Jones has already notified the company that they must construct another shaft, to admit pure air to the workmen, or quit work.

The fire in the Butler mine has now been burning upward of two years. It originated in the old workings of an abandoned mine, near what was known as the outcrop of the 14-foot vein, and on the very highest ground of the property of the Butler Coal Company. The destructive spark was first kindled by a poor, degraded woman, who, having been driven from the shelter of the town, took refuge in one of the numerous caves on the outskirts. Here she made a fire for the purpose of cooking and to keep her warm at night. One midnight she was alarmed by seeing the entire side of the cave on fire, and she fled in terror from the scene. Superintendent Bennet, one of the most practical and careful managers in this region, had his attention called to the fire early in June, 1877. By that time it had made a good deal of headway northeast of the pitch along the pillars, and the course it was taking indicated that it would shortly exhaust itself. There was nothing to give rise then to the apprehension that it would work its way down the pitch or declivity, and immediate steps were taken to cover the "cave holes" by which the air was admitted to feed the flames. These holes had been caused by the caving of the surface where the mine had been worked out, and no pillars left to support the roof. The stopping up of these prevented in measure the progress of the fire, but owing to the elevated character of the place, it was impossible to obtain water in sufficient quantity to be effective. An arrangement was made with a party to open and clear out an old chamber in the mine, intending thereby to cut off the flames, but the work was done in a bungling manner and failed to do what was intended.

Seeing the threatening character of the element the company at length adopted a plan, at an enormous expense, which it was hoped would prove effective. A point was selected about 500 feet from the fire, at which an open cut was begun from the surface down to the old workings. It was intended that this cut would be 350 yards in length, 20 feet wide at the bottom, and ranging from 12 to 45 feet in depth. The plan was that of Engineer C. T. Conrad, who contemplated at the outset the removal of 50,000 cubic feet of earth, rock and coal in the construction of this magic circle about the fire. He tunneled a part of the way, and, in the face of obstacles apparently insurmountable, he worked steadily day and night with a strong force of men until his plan was effected. The progress of the flames have since been slow, but now they seem to have gained a great hold, and not only the coal, but the superincumbent rock, is red with fire. It has now advanced almost to Engineer Conrad's circumscribed limit, and much anxiety is felt lest it should break beyond the boundary.

The danger lies in the tunneled part, where it is feared glowing rock will carry destruction over the archway and communicate it to the adjoining property. The great danger from the fire would arise from its extension into the workings of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and once there, no power on earth can prevent it from working its way under the town of Pittston.

Mr. Conrad, in a letter under date of Nov. 11, 1879, says: "All work was finished on the cut-off September 30, and changes occurring since then have only served to confirm the announcement, then made to the company, that the work was a complete success. There was no question of the success of any portion of the work except the tunnel. This was not in the original plan, but was afterward decided upon from economical reasons. After full study and examination on my part, and in opposition to the opinion of many good engineers and experienced coal operators, the tunnel was made to effect a saving of \$11,000, and to insure ample time for the rest of the work. Both of these objects the tunnel accomplished, and then the original question came up, could or would the fire cross it?"

"There are dry walls on both sides of the tunnel varying from 18 to 32 feet in thickness, with an intervening space of 12 to 18 feet. The walls were carried 4 feet above the coal, i. e. 18 feet high in all. The wall on the fire side during the past summer has been heated to a white heat through to the exposed face, this occurring at different points from time to time, but all cooling off in a few weeks and never reheating. Finally the great heat penetrated through the 50 feet of rock and earth covering, and so weakened and disintegrated the mass that it finally broke down in sufficient quantities to close up the tunnel with broken rock. This did not occur, however, until after the fire had spent itself and the walls were all cool. I conclude that fire will not pass through

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European Oil Fields.

Considerable attention has been given recently to the oil fields of various parts of Europe, and there is some apprehension that if present indications are borne out some younger regions, notably that recently discovered in Hanover, may prove formidable rivals to our Pennsylvania producers. The following account of the various European fields may therefore be of some interest:

The oil developments in Russia have been made along the Caucasus Mountains, from the Caspian to the Black Sea, a distance of 1500 miles. Oil was discovered on the eastern shore of the Black Sea in 1865, but nothing is being done there at present in the way of production. Along the Kuban River, a stream emptying into the Black Sea, a paying territory is being developed. Two wells have been sunk by a company of French capitalists, a Pennsylvania operator, the well-known Dr. Tweddle, of Pittsburgh, directing the work. This company has a refinery at Tuman. The principal producing field is at the eastern end of the Caucasus range, along the Caspian Sea at Baku. Here, managed by American skill, numbers of wells have been sunk, and a daily product of 28,000 barrels of crude petroleum is obtained. Many of the wells are flowing ones, with immense capacity. They are drilled to an average depth of 300 feet, and spout their substance to the surface through 12-inch pipes. Immense quantities of sand are thrown up with the oil, and around some wells is banked up 30 feet high and 300 feet about. Refineries of very large capacity are located at Baku, and while the same principle of refining that is used in this country is adopted there, its application is yet deficient, and the refined oil is far below the quality of refined American oil. Owing to lack of transportation facilities, very little Russian oil is exported. Good authorities think that at present the oil trade of America has nothing to fear from the Russian field, as American oil, possessing, as it does, unlimited, and comparatively cheap transportation facilities, can be placed in the markets of the world at a rate with which Russia cannot now compete.

The Russian oil field may be said to be comparatively boundless. It extends down into India, where developments have been making with more or less success for some time. Oil exists in British Burmah, in Assam, and the Punjab. In the Rangoon district petroleum has been known for centuries. The wells are attended with the same eruption of sand or mud that characterizes the Russian wells, and are called by the natives mud volcanoes. In some parts of India the crude petroleum is very thick, and becomes solid at a temperature of 60 degrees. It is called Rangoon tar, and contains 10 per cent. of paraffine. In other parts the oil is thin, transparent, and light-colored. The oil fields of Austria are situated in the Carpathian Mountains, in the primitive Province of Galicia. The whole field is 400 miles long, and 40 wide, extending from Klenezany, in the northwest, to Remairi, in the southeast, and across the Carpathian Mountains, from Szeged, in Hungary, to Jasio, in Galicia. It is divided into the eastern, western, and Hungarian districts. The Western District produces about 400 barrels of crude oil a day in an area of territory 70 miles long and 10 wide. Operations have been carried on here in a more or less primitive way for 20 years. Steam-power has not been introduced yet, the work of engines being done by lusty and lazy Poles. The wells are put down from 500 to 800 feet, when the oil is struck. It varies in gravity and color. On one favorable spot, five acres in extent, 150 wells have been put down. The nearest railroad from Roboka, the principal oil center of the western district, is 30 miles distant. The oil is refined on the spot as it comes from the wells. Teamsters carry the oil to the railroad for 15 cents a barrel, so that, as regards cheapness of transportation, the railroad might as well be 30 miles away as on the spot. The eastern district of the Galicia oil field is at present doing very little in the way of oil production. The wells are principally centered about a place called Boryslaw. They yield from three to ten barrels a day. The oil is clear, and of a deep-green color.

A peculiar formation found in connection with the Galician oil is a wax known as ozokerit, which is extensively dealt in for the manufacture of candles. Both of these older regions, though of great extent and capable of considerable production, are less dangerous to American producers, because they are more remote from the more important markets, and because they are controlled by men of little enterprise. Though much smaller in extent, the lately discovered Hanover region is likely to prove a much more formidable rival, because it is very accessible, and is being pushed by energetic men of means.

The Hanover petroleum region has been ascertained to extend from the city of Hanover, where oil is found in the suburbs of Linden and Linmer, as far as the Hildesheim Hills to the south, and the villages of Oiler and Klein Scheppenstett to the east. The whole area seems to comprise about 40 square miles, the centers being at Oberg and Oilsburg, and the districts due north and south of these two principal places. Herr Strippelman, a well-known mining engineer, and the latest author upon the subject, in a recent elaborate account, gives it as his deliberate opinion that things in Hanover have reached a point exactly similar to what was the situation in America immediately anterior to the discovery of the Pennsylvania wells. A like view is taken in a report by Herr von Decken, a Hanover mining councillor and government engineer, who has just inspected the Oedessen Works. Steps are being taken for forming a boring petroleum company to work the newly-discovered riches of Hanover. The prospects in Germany are regarded as sufficiently promising to justify the simultaneous opening of several bores in different localities. The Pennsylvania rope-

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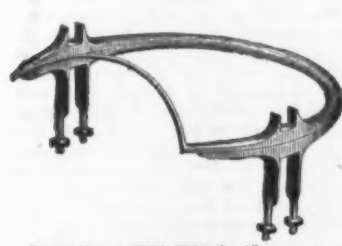
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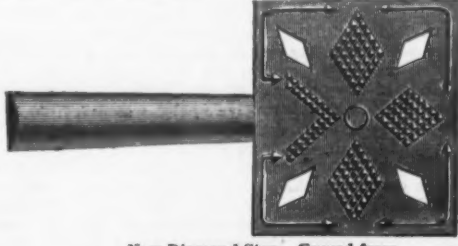


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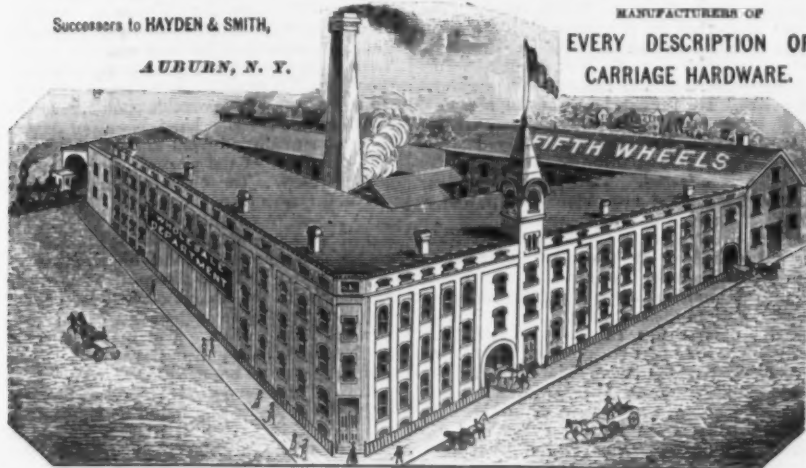
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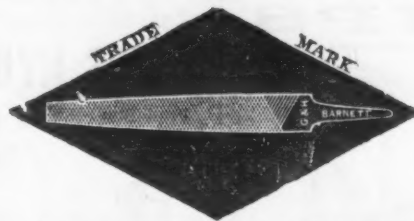
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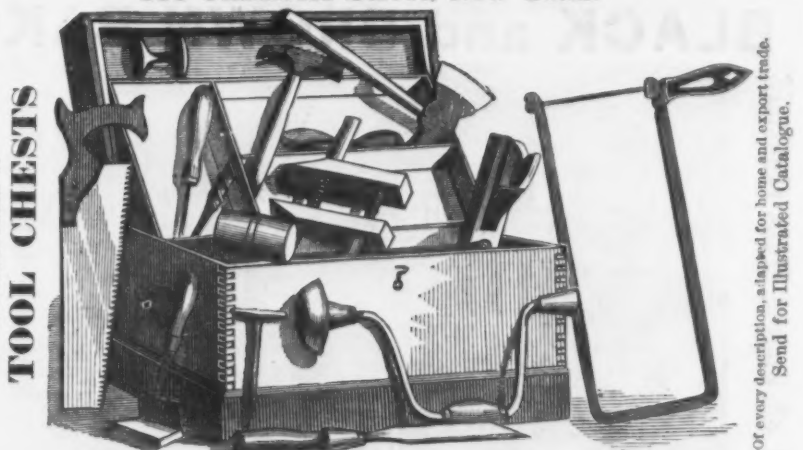
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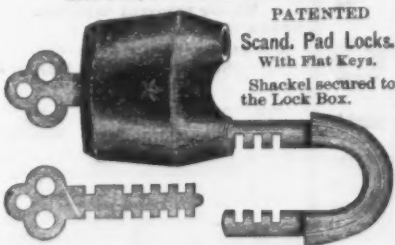
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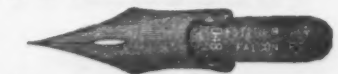
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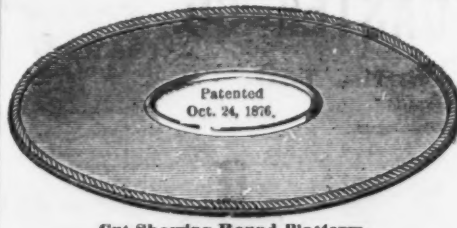
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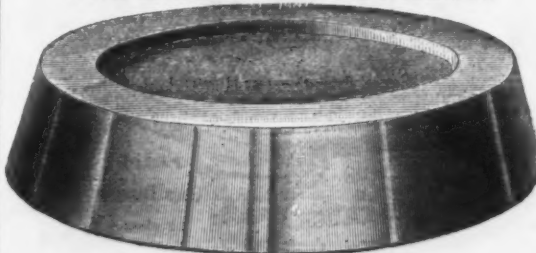
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announce that the developments at Hoelle,
near Heide, 31 miles N. N. W. of Glueck-
stadt, have been very promising.

Mechanical Engineering.—Its Scope and Its Importance.

At a meeting called recently to effect a
preliminary organization of a society of
Mechanical Engineers, Mr. A. L. Holley,
well known as one of the leading engineers
of this country, was called upon to preside,
and delivered an address from which we
take the following:

We define engineering as the science and
the art of utilizing the forces and materials
of nature; and we observe that this utiliza-
tion is accomplished in all or nearly all
cases, either directly by machines, or by
processes working through machines. I con-
fess that in thinking over the range of
mechanical engineering, with reference to
our proposed society, I was astonished at
its magnitude; I had never realized it be-
fore. In that branch of the profession dis-
tinctly called civil engineering, and per-
taining to fixed works, how largely me-
chanical engineering underlies both the structure
and its uses. Take the canal; it is
built by the steam dredging machine, the ma-
chine drill, the steam pump, the steam derrick,
the temporary railway with its locomotives
and cars. The completed canal is
operated by the boat, which is equally
machine built, and usually steam propelled.
The masonry fort and the masonry light-
house are essentially military engineering
works; but, however much science their
planning may involve, their construction is
mechanical engineering, by means of the ma-
chine drill, the steam derrick and steam
transportation.

In bridge building, the expert tells us
that the strain-sheet is now the difficult
matter, and that success chiefly lies—in
good methods of joining the parts with
reference to strain and expansion, and 2nd,
in the adaptation of special tools and facili-
ties for shaping and preparing the work
cheaply, and without injuring it. This is
all mechanical engineering.

I would not undertake—I cannot too highly
magnify—the wide and profound scientific
knowledge employed in locating and plan-
ning these vast works of civil engineering—
the canal, the harbor, the railway, the tun-
nel, the pier, the breakwater. I only em-
phasize the fact that our own profession of
mechanics and dynamics underlies their con-
struction and utilization—it is the interme-
diate power between nature, on the one
hand, and the artificial structure and the
artificial work done, on the other hand.

Passing, now, to that immense depart-
ment of engineering—mining and metal-
lurgy—it is almost astonishing to find how
completely mechanical means and processes
produce its results. Geological exploration of
the most highly scientific character is
essential; but the hydraulic engine, the
machine drill, the steam pump, the steam
hoist and steam transportation perform the
work.

In metallurgy a few characteristic exam-
ples show the universal imprint of our pro-
fession. The analyses of ores, fluxes and
slags are indeed indispensable; but it is the
elaborate machinery of steam blowing,
steam hoisting and transportation, and the
vast mechanism of heating apparatus, that
produce pig iron. The furnace, of what-
ever kind; the hot-blast stove, either of
pipes or of bricks; the gas producer, the
regenerator—in short, fire-brick construction
at large is an important department of
mechanical engineering. The Bessemer
process is the grandest exhibition of prac-
tical chemistry to be seen in the world; but,
as in invention, it is essentially mechanical,
and the means of carrying it out involve
elaborate and ponderous mechanism at
every step—the 1000-horse blowing engine,
the hydraulic lifting and moving apparatus,
the interchangeable parts.

The rolling mill is throughout a series of
machines, and much of their work is of the
most difficult character; it has been im-
proved by the highest mechanical ingenuity
and experience, in many countries, and is
still but on the threshold of its possible de-
velopment. It involves the adaptation of
steam engines and boilers under peculiar
environment; of roll trains, which are by
themselves a vast department of engineer-
ing; of power-handling, finishing and trans-
portation, and of the utilization of fuel under
varying circumstances and on a gigantic
scale.

We need not dwell on the similar relations
of mechanical engineering to the foundry,
to the forge, and to such immense special-
ties in iron and steel as wire, horse shoes,
bolts and nuts, springs, agricultural tools,
cutlery and hardware at large. What thou-
sands of special tools and machines picture
themselves in our minds as we contemplate
such manufactures as these!

The railway in structure and working is
all machines and dynamics, however great
may be the civil engineering ability dis-
played in its location and in the designing of
its fixed works. Railway master mechanics
form perhaps the largest defined class of me-
chanical engineers, and the chief engineers
of railways, in their chief work of per-
manent way and bridge construction and
maintenance, deal chiefly with our depart-
ment of the profession.

The locomotive builder is called to prac-
tice mechanical engineering of the most
refined and comprehensive type—the eco-
nomical generation and use of steam in an
almost flying vehicle of minimum weight
and maximum power. And the number of
his works is measured by tens of thousands.
Does not the car builder also deal with ma-
chines on the most comprehensive scale—the
innumerable wood-working tools and his
special appliances of iron work? And
speaking of wood-working tools, what vast
mechanical ingenuity has been brought into
service, and what vast interests are rep-
resented in the manufacture of wood in all
constructive and ornamental forms, especial-
ly in the immense department of furniture.

In those leading departments of industry,
which, at first thought, the public would deem
quite outside of mechanical engineering,
how completely is this art incorporated with
their every detail. The manufacture of tex-
tile fabrics is a conspicuous example. How-
ever indispensable chemical guidance may
be, the whole complex system, including the
application of chemistry, is mechanical.
The same is true of those vast departments
of industrial art, the glass manufacture and,
more conspicuously, the manufacture of
paper. And is it not equally true in the
case of gas making and electric lighting, of
pottery and brick making, and of chemical
manufactures at large?

What shall we say of architecture? There
are the strictly æsthetic and mathematical
elements, but the construction—quarrying
and shaping, foundry and forge work, exca-
vating and hoisting, are mechanical. Should
the architect and the civil engineer say that
the mere molding and assembling of mem-
bers is not worthy of a professional name
and status, the mechanical engineer may
reply that the mere calculation of strains
from known formulae, and the mere grouping
of conventional forms, is no more worthy.
The genius that reaches the harmony of
perfect construction and perfect beauty
(which are interchangeable terms) in na-
ture's inert materials, may not be loftier
than that which as perfectly utilizes and
governs her wild and capricious forces.

Modern agriculture is but a world-wide
arena for the operation of machines, and
these machines, and the machines that pro-
duce them, draw upon many departments of
mechanical engineering.

National defenses, other than old style
forts, are among the most conspicuous types
of machines; for the modern war ship, the
modern gun and the modern small arm, are
nothing but machines of the highest classes.
The almost incredible endurance and accu-
racy of modern ordnance have been achieved,
as their grandest work, by mechanical
engineers who were most successful in
other departments of their art. Shipbuild-
ing, even more than bridge building, is
conspicuous within the range of our pro-
fession.

But if the works and industries we have
enumerated are the results of mechanical
and dynamic science and art, what shall we
say of the steam boiler and engine—of the
adaptation they involve of materials to the
economical utilization of force—of machines
to the economical production of complex en-
gineering? This greatest department of me-
chanical, and purely mechanical science, is
alone a sufficient basis for the establishment
of such an institution as that we have as-
sembled to organize.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MAINE.

The scythe shop at North Wayne, which
was begun in October last, is very nearly
completed, with all machinery running. It
is owned and run by the Bodwell Granite
Company, of Hallowell, who contemplate at
an early date making axes, which, in con-
nection with the scythe business, will em-
ploy some 25 men.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Holyoke Machine Company have some
40 "Hercules" water-wheels ordered ahead,
and are driven into all other departments
of their business.

The Douglas Ax Company, of Douglas, are
to add new machinery to their works, and
will some time the coming spring build
an addition the entire length of the head
shop, for the purpose of putting in a
number of light trip hammers, which will
do the heavy part of the work now done by
hand.

A shears bed, one of the largest of its
kind, weighing 11,660 pounds, was cast
recently at the Bridgewater Iron Works
for the Wareham Nail Company, of South
Wareham.

CONNECTICUT.

The Winchester Repeating Arms Com-
pany, at New Haven, is said to have re-
ceived an order from the Chinese govern-
ment for 17,000,000 cartridges.

NEW YORK.

Mr. James Lacey, who has for several
years represented William Jessup & Sons,
of Sheffield, in this market, terminated his
connection with that house on the 4th inst.,
and will hereafter, in association with Mr.
Richard G. Park, conduct the business of
the New York branch of the Black Diamond
Steel Works of Park, Brother & Co., of
Pittsburgh.

A blacksmith's bellows known to be 90
years old was sold at auction at Seneca Fall
recently.

The Buffalo Pipe Line Company have suc-
ceeded, after fighting against many obstacles
in obtaining a complete right of way from
Buffalo to the Bradford (Pa.) oil district.
The main line will be about 65 miles long.
The pipe will be 4 inches in the clear, and
it will require about 7000 barrels of oil to
fill it.

The working force of the Dunkirk Loco-
motive Works has been increased from 300
to 500 men, and in order to fill existing con-
tracts, it will be necessary to construct nine
engines per month for the ensuing four
months.

NEW JERSEY.

At the extensive works of John A. Roeb-
ling's Sons Co., manufacturers of iron and
steel wire rope, at Trenton, between 600 and
700 hands are employed. The works are
now running on full time, the product being
at the rate of 5000 tons per annum. The
finest grades of wire are made from Swedish
iron mixed with scrap.

The New Jersey Steel and Iron Company,
Trenton, have a capacity of 20,000 tons a
year, and employ 825 hands. They are now
running on full time, making beams, angle
and merchant iron, and at present are fill-
ing a heavy contract for the Brooklyn ele-
vated railroad, which will take four months
to complete. This company have furnished
most of the iron for various new post offices
throughout the country, for the Patent
Office, War and Navy Departments at Wash-
ington. They have just shipped an iron
bridge for the Lake Erie and Western Rail-
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pleted for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and a bridge for the city of Baltimore is nearly finished. The iron roof for the new Capitol at Albany was also constructed here. The firm are also engaged in making chains and horseshoes of a new pattern for Boston parties.

The Phoenix Iron Company at Trenton are manufacturing large quantities of iron-work for various parts of the country. They are making the architectural iron-work for the Patent Office at Washington. A part of this work includes an iron ceiling, 19 by 35 feet, which is to be placed above the landing of the main stairway. It weighs 12,000 pounds, and is finished in nine panels, five of which have handsomely ornamented rosettes that are to serve as ventilators. They are also making the columns and stairs for the Washington Monument at Washington, and the iron roof frame for the new post office and court house at Nashville, Tennessee. Two large Union boilers for the water works at New Brunswick, N. J., are nearly completed, as are also the castings for the Brooklyn elevated railroad. There has just been completed a heavy iron cylinder, 6 feet in diameter and weighing 12,000 pounds, to be used for crushing or reducing flint and spar to powder, for the use of potteries. The new lighthouse about to be erected on the American Shoals, Florida, was built by this company. It is 140 feet high.

Fisher & Norris, of Trenton, employ 40 hands on full time. Their anvils are made of gun metal, and the horn and face of cast steel, welded firmly to the body of the anvil. The firm also make what they term parallel "leg" vices, in which parallel action is obtained by causing the lower end of the front jaw to have the same movement as the upper part, instead of opening on a hinge, thus bringing a square pull on the thread of the back jaw. Another specialty of this firm is the manufacture of the "Fisher" rail joint.

The Trenton Iron Company, of Trenton, manufacture iron and steel wire, bar iron and rods, and produce about 300 tons per week, employing 450 men. There are in the works trains of rods for the manufacture of wire for all purposes. The qualities made include wire for binding grain, for bonnets, for hair pins, for telegraphing, &c. The firm some time since placed in the mill a fast engine for running a new rod train. It has a cylinder 20 inches in diameter and 42-inch stroke, and makes 150 revolutions per minute, while the piston makes 1000 feet per minute. This new rod train is worked on the Belgian system. The billets of iron are first broken down into 12-inch rods and then finished in a series of 10-inch rods. The 12-inch merchant train is also run by the fast engine.

The American Saw Company, of Trenton, have 60 men now employed in the manufacture of all kinds of saws, but more particularly the new movable toothed saw. The teeth are shaped so as to present the points to the timber like the edge of a planing chisel, cutting the timber into shavings, instead of scraping it off into fine dust. The saw is so made that the teeth can be removed and new teeth inserted upon the original blade. These teeth are also applied to circular saws.

At the steam engine and boiler works of Mackenzie & Wilkes, at Trenton, 50 men are employed, and about 36 tons of iron-work is turned out weekly, principally in machinery for potteries.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A charter was granted on the 5th inst. to the Connellsville Coke and Iron Company, whose purpose is to manufacture iron and steel in Fayette County. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, divided into 20,000 shares. The incorporators are 27 in number, about one-half of whom are residents of Philadelphia and Mauch Chunk. The prominent stockholders are John Leisenring, of Mauch Chunk, and John C. Bullett, of Philadelphia, each of whom owns \$60,000 worth of stock. A majority of the incorporators own \$30,000 each. The amount of stock paid in is about \$160,000.

Messrs. Clingan & Son, proprietors of the Hopewell Furnace, Chester County, are clearing a large tract of woodland on Chestnut Hill, preparatory to converting the wood into charcoal. Repairs are being rapidly pushed forward, and in the course of this month the furnace will be in active operation.

The Mount Union Times says workmen are busily engaged in putting Matilda Furnace in working order, and it is expected that blast will be put on early in April. Extensive improvements are being made, including the replacing of the old boilers by four new ones. There will also be a steam crusher erected for the purpose of crushing the hard fossil ore, which is mined within a few rods of the furnace. The improvements that are being made will, it is stated, increase the capacity of the furnace to 100 tons of pig iron per week.

The Nail Works, Towanda, are now in operation. The repairs, enlargements and additions to the Price Furnace, at Harrisburg, are now approaching completion, and the expectation is that the furnace will be blown in some time this month.

The No. 1, Old Hampton, furnace of the E. & G. Brooke Iron Co., which has been out of blast for six years, has been repaired, and was to have blown in last week. The last blast was made on anthracite coal, but the stack has undergone the necessary operations to make charcoal iron. About 1000 cords of wood are ready for use. Among the repairs made was the building of a new coal house, a stock house, and a bridge house. Improvements have also been made on the casting house.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The Duquesne Engine Works, James Rees, proprietor, have been awarded a contract by the government for four steamers to be used in connection with the United States Medical Service and by the National Board of Health. All four are to be completed by June 10, 1880. The first is an iron stern wheeler, 110 feet long, 18 feet beam, 4 feet hold, two athwart-ship bulkheads and one fore-and-aft bulkhead syphon in each apartment. Engines 13 inches in diameter, 5 feet stroke, with all the modern improvements.

Two steel boilers, 42 inches in diameter, 22 feet long, 6 flues each; iron wheel and pit-mans. There will be a full length cabin for the accommodation of sick, officers' quarters, &c. The entire boat complete is to be delivered at the Pittsburgh wharf, and a trial trip is included with the contract. The next part of this contract provides for three iron propellers, or launches, each 35 feet long, 7 feet beam, 3½ feet hold, fitted up for passengers. Upright boiler and engines, propeller wheel, which is to be of iron. There is also to be a disinfecting tank fitted up with steam connections, for medical use. The iron boat is guaranteed to make 12 miles per hour, and the steam launches 9 miles. The Duquesne Engine Works are busy upon local jobs for steamboats under way, and are working to their full capacity.

Anderson & Co.'s open-hearth furnace, which has been idle for repairs, started up on the 8th.

The Light Locomotive Works of Porter, Bell & Co. have an order for ten new engines.

Lindsay & McCutcheon, of the Star Iron Works, Manchester, are running full, employing 300 hands. They have many orders in hand for hoop iron for whisky and provision barrels for Western distillers and packers.

At the Keystone Iron Works of Williams, Long & McDowell, the plate mill has been started up after a week's idleness, the two heating furnaces connected with it having been rebuilt. They are now running full in all departments.

The following statement is from the Pittsburgh Dispatch:

RAW IRON RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

Material.	1879.		1880.	
	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
Pig Iron.....	18,807	20,177	40,336	37,096
Iron Ore.....	25,248	24,086	28,589	24,041
Scrap Iron.....	4,461	3,960	6,133	5,735
Blooms and Billets.....	9,908	3,619	1,805	1,620
Old Rails.....	344	1,711	11,468	4,335
Cinder.....	976	1,285	3,044	1,521
Muck Bar.....			342	180
Total.....	56,744	53,833	90,100	70,408

The A. V. R. R. shops have turned out a new train of cars for the convenience of trackmen. The train is composed of an office, kitchen, dining, storehouse and two sleeping cars, all supplied with the necessary conveniences for the comfort and convenience of the men. The cars resemble a caboose, but are somewhat larger.

The Elba Bolt and Iron Company are now putting in a 16-inch train of rolls, with an engine to run it. A new wing is to be added at the west end of the works, to which the guide mill will be removed, and it will also cover a new heating furnace. They are now running 23 puddling furnaces, five heats per turn, and employing about 150 men. The puddle mill is going double turn; the bar mill and 10-inch mill single turn. They have a demand for their entire product, which is shipped as fast as ready. The addition to the mill will probably be ready to go into service in about six weeks.

Moorhead & McClean's Soho Furnace is again in full blast, having been banked up for a few days to await the outcome of the labor trouble in the coke region. Their rolling mill is also in full operation, double turn.

The average daily output of the A Furnace of the Edgar Thomson Works for last week was 84 tons. This furnace has not yet equaled her output of the 24th ult., when she made 102 tons, making during the week, 639½ tons. Furnace B, 20 x 80 feet, will probably go into blast in less than two weeks.

OHIO.

The Telegraph Supply Company, of Cleveland, are running night and day with a force of 100 men. They are working exclusively on Brush electric light apparatus, and have orders on hand for months ahead. They have recently made important additions to their manufacturing facilities.

The Etna Mill, Martin's Ferry, continues running to its fullest capacity. It is said that this mill has already enough orders on hand to keep it running steadily until July.

All the iron works at Cincinnati are working double turn.

The Tyler Hoe and Tool Works, Ironton, now have on three forges and two steam hammers, and are running full force.

The Franklin Furnace, at Columbus, is being put in order to go into blast the latter part of this month.

Blast Furnace No. 2, of the Jefferson Iron Works, Steubenville, was blown in Wednesday, after being idle for several years.

Brown, Bonnell & Co., of Youngstown, are about to increase their capacity in the nail department. A number of machines will be put in as soon as the contemplated addition is made to their buildings.

INDIANA.

Ohio Falls Iron Works, of New Albany, with a 16-inch and an 8-inch train, and 15 puddling and three heating furnaces, turned out 758 tons of finished iron in February. The output of the other mills of New Albany and Louisville has been proportionately large.

ILLINOIS.

Wells, French & Co., Chicago, are building 500 freight cars for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.

The Barnum Richardson Mfg. Co., Chicago, have just moved to their new works which they built seven years ago, but have never before occupied.

MISSOURI.

The Sligo Furnace Company have recently been organized, the directory including a part of the stockholders of the Missouri Iron Company, with several other persons. They are building the largest charcoal furnace in the State, at Salem. It will have an 11-foot bush; height, 55 feet. Its capacity will be 45 tons of pig iron per day. The company have 200 woodchoppers at work, and they expect to have the furnace ready for operation in July.

The Scotia Iron Company, which opened the Scotia mines about nine years ago, have completely exhausted the banks, and blew out their furnaces recently. They will entirely

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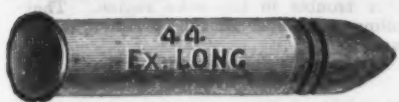
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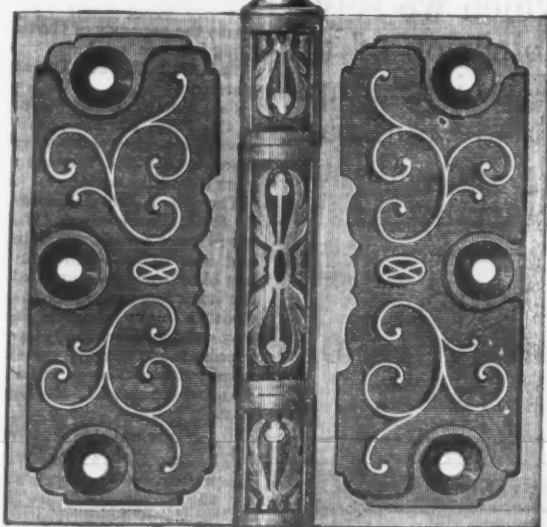


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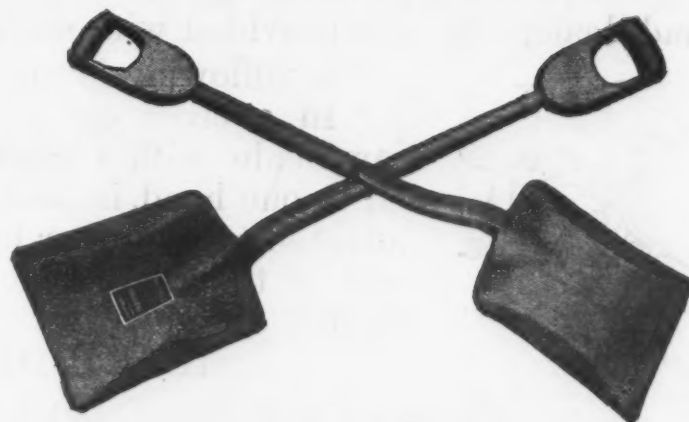


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There is now but one charcoal furnace in this State, the Midland, which is in good order and blowing.

The first ton of pig iron made in the State of Missouri in a stonecoal furnace was in the year 1867. At that time there were several charcoal furnaces, but no attempt was made to manufacture iron by the use of stonecoal until the example was set by the Grand Tower Mining Company, at that time under the management of Andrew C. Bryden. Mr. Bryden believed the time had already come when charcoal could not be depended upon as a fuel for the manufacture of iron, and in accordance with such conclusions he set to work to transform the old and dilapidated Carondelet Furnace into a modern institution. His efforts were successful, and it was not long until other new furnaces were built and old charcoal furnaces made into stonecoal furnaces. Of the eleven stonecoal furnaces in the vicinity of St. Louis, all were built subsequent to the introduction of stonecoal into the Carondelet by Mr. Bryden, and their construction is essentially based on the results obtained by the Carondelet Furnace.—*Journal of Commerce.*

KENTUCKY.

Iron Hill's Furnace is doing well, making 12 tons No. 1 pig iron per 24 hours.

Clear Creek Furnace, in Bath County, is to be put into operation this season.

Hunnewell Furnace blew out Monday before last, having been in blast since the 10th or 20th of July last. During this run she made over 3500 tons of iron.

LABOR AND WAGES.

The employees in the rolling mill of E. & G. Brooke, at Birdsboro', Pa., were on strike for higher wages, the strikers also including the men in the nail and plate mill. An advance of 20 per cent. was demanded. The puddlers at the same place had given two weeks' notice of their intention to strike unless their demand for higher wages was complied with. A compromise on a basis of an advance of 10 per cent. was effected and the men returned to work on the 8th inst.

The puddlers at Atkins' Fishback Rolling Mills, Pottsville, Pa., struck, on the 1st inst., for an advance of 75 cents per ton.

The Vulcan Steel Works, at Carondelet, St. Louis, after several months' preparation, were ready to resume operations on the 1st inst., but before starting up Superintendent Duncan notified the employees that they would be required to sign a contract governing their relations with the company before work commenced. This the employees refused to do, and, on being informed that the contract was the company's ultimatum, all the men in the converting, blooming and rail works immediately struck. The main features of the contract are that the men shall work for and be governed by the scale of prices in force at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, at Pittsburgh; that they shall not hold the company responsible for accidents; that they (the men) shall be responsible for loss or breakage of tools, &c., and that they shall not join any trades union or other similar secret society. The agreement to continue one year. The hands in the furnace and departments connected therewith did not strike, and received on demand an advance of 25 per cent. on their wages. Superintendent Duncan says the action of the strikers will not cause any trouble to the company. The strikers say they are willing to work for the same prices paid at Chicago or Joliet, Ill.

An amusing illustration of the peculiar ways of strikers comes from the mines of the Houtzdale, Pa., region. The coal miners demand an advance of 10 cents per ton, and this might be granted if the operators could have assurance that it would finally settle matters. But there have been nine strikes in three months. First they struck for a check weighman, upon the plea that the operators were cheating them. This was granted, with the proviso that the weighman should be paid by the men themselves. Then they struck to have the said weighman placed upon the company's payroll, and carried that point. Then the drivers struck for an advance of 25 cents per day, and got it. Then the trappers struck for an advance of 10 cents per day, and got it. Then the miners struck for 10 cents per ton advance for mining, and got it. Then the drivers struck for an advance of 25 cents per day, and for "10 hours," and got both their claims allowed. Then the miners organized the present strike, and the drivers propose to follow suit. In view of these constant and repeated demands, the operators have come to the conclusion that it is necessary to draw the line somewhere. In fact, if the thing is to go on, the mines themselves might as well be deemed as a free gift to the workmen. For it is impossible to carry on any business successfully or even intelligently if wages are thus to be kept uncertain, and always on the rise at that.

It is reported that the miners' union in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania has been revived.

The wages of the men employed in two ax works at Ballston Spa, N. Y., have been raised 10 per cent.

Labor troubles appear to be thickening about the iron mills of the Schuylkill Valley, Pa. It is reported that some 200 men were thrown out of work by a strike for 10 per cent. advance. It is calculated that 1500 men are out in the Schuylkill Valley.

A rumor is current that the coal operators on the Monongahela River are considering the advisability of reducing the price of mining to three cents, they claiming that at the present selling price of coal in the lower market there is no money in the business with digging at 3 1/2 cents. It is believed that when all the empty craft in the pools is loaded something definite will be done.

A number of English ironworkers have arrived with their families at Pittsburgh. They say that times are still hard in England, notwithstanding the improvement reported in the iron trade.

The miners of the Marmet pits, on the Kanawha, recently went out for 3 1/2 cents, and instead of agreeing to the advance the company decided to send some barges up the Monongahela to be loaded, in order to fill contracts. The barges are still empty at their moorings in the Monongahela, Secretary Jones having issued orders to the men in this district not to fill an M. M. Co. barge, by which means he expects the Kanawha firm will have to put back their miners at the advance.

The puddlers at Pencoyd Mill, near Philadelphia, are on a strike for \$6.

The Rome (N. Y.) merchant iron mills have been paying \$5.75 for puddling since February 1st.

The striking puddlers at the Palo Alto Mills, Pottsville, Pa., resumed work on the 8th inst., on a basis regulating their wages in accordance with the price of rail. This gives them nearly the advance asked for.

About 200 hands, the employees of the zinc works at Bayonne, N. J., struck on the 6th inst. for higher wages, demanding 10 per cent. advance over their old wages. The company made the concession and the men returned to their work.

The employees of the Reading Hardware Company, operating three large foundries at Reading, Pa., have demanded an advance of 25 per cent. in their wages, and threaten to strike if a favorable reply is not given by the 10th inst. The men obtained an increase of 25 per cent. only a short time ago, and the firm express the opinion that they will now be compelled to discontinue operations.

The puddlers of the Tredegar Iron Works, Richmond, Va., have been advanced to \$6 per ton.

The puddlers of Cohoes, N. Y., are now receiving \$5.75 per ton.

The coal mines in the Belleville, Ill., coal mining district struck for 4 cents for digging some time ago, and secured the advance, while the miners in the adjoining districts continue to work for 2 1/2 cents. The result is that the miners in the Belleville district are doing but little work, the operators filling their contracts with coal from the adjoining districts.

An organization to be known as The National Labor League has just been formed at Pittsburgh. It is an association of workmen of temperate, frugal habits, ambitious and intelligent, to put an end to strikes, create amicable relations between laborers and capitalists, and tend in a general way to that millennial condition which will make all men practically equal.

Nearly all the work in the iron mills of Cincinnati is now based on a sliding scale. At present card, 4c., boiling is \$7; muck rolling, \$1; bar mill rolling, \$1.05; bar mill heating, the same; catching, 65 1/2c.; scrapping blooms and sheet bar, \$1.23; scrapping piles, \$1.02; shingling, \$1.05; guide rolling, 5 per cent. above Pittsburgh prices.

COKE ITEMS.

Coke making is to be one of the most important industries along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Already there are four or five establishments in the New River District, each receiving orders beyond their capacity to supply. Fire Creek is running about 60 ovens, Quinnimont about 80 and Sewell about 50, which is exclusively appropriated to the use of the furnaces of the company at Longdale. Nuttallburg is running about 60 ovens. Two others are in process of construction—one at Lowmoor, of about 40 ovens, for the use of the furnace at that place, now rapidly approaching completion, and another in the New River section, by Bramwell & Co., of about 200 ovens. This last will make coke for shipment.

A. O. Tintaman, of Turtle Creek, Pa., recently purchased of Peter Sherrick his one-half interest in the Rising Sun Coke Works, located on the June Bug Railroad, for the sum of \$70,000. These mines are admirably located, being above water level, and the quality of the coal unsurpassed in the Connellsville region, containing, when manufactured into coke, 95 per cent. of carbon. Mr. Tintaman is very fortunate in making so desirable a purchase.

There is a grand total of about 6000 coke ovens in the western part of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Orrell Coal Company have contracted for the erection of 50 coke ovens at Newburg, W. Va., and the company expect to erect a 40-ton furnace during the coming season.

We mentioned in our issue of two weeks ago that some coal from Ironton had been sent to Pittsburgh to be washed and coked. Mr. Willard, who had the operations in charge, has returned to Ironton, and reports the experiment a success. He brought home with him some very fine specimens of the coke.

The Missouri Furnace Company have entered suit against another coke works for failure to carry out a contract for coke, the defendant this time being J. M. Cochran. The amount of damages claimed is \$100,000.

The "Bryden" coking ovens, located on the Big Muddy River, Ill., are being hurried on toward completion. There are in all 216 ovens, all of which are being constructed on an original plan of the projector, which gives the appearance of being both economical in construction and effective in manufacture. Though these ovens are located in the region of the Big Muddy coal, it is not intended to coke anything but "Bryden" coal from Williamson county. Manufacturers and furnace men are waiting with interest to see the result of these ovens, and when completed no difficulty will be found in disposing of the product.—*Journal of Commerce.*

The Grand Tower Coal Company have entered into arrangements to build on their land in Davis County, Ill., 80 coking ovens for coking Big Muddy coal. It is quietly said that arrangements were made with the Vulcan to use their coke before the project was consummated, a desire being felt to reduce the dependence that has been placed upon Pittsburgh coke and to make our furnaces independent of closed navigation in reference to their supply of coke.—*Journal of Commerce.*

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Just about a year since we had occasion, in the course of an editorial on the "Outlook for Lake Superior Ores," to refer to the probability of large shipments of foreign ores to this country in 1879-80, or in the year that would be covered by the shipments of Lake Superior ores, for which contracts were being made at the time our article was published—say from June 1st, 1879, to June 1st, 1880. This statement was based on information which we regarded at the time as trustworthy, but it was called in question by two correspondents. One of these suggested that our "very wonderful figures as to the quantities of foreign ores purchased," or about to be purchased by various "firms," should be taken *cum grano salis*, and the other that 100,000 to 150,000 would probably be the utmost that could be brought into this country yearly. Now let us see what are the facts of the case. Upon inquiry at the Bureau of Statistics we learn that the imports of iron ore into the country for the six months ending December 31st, 1879, were

180,721 tons, and for the month of January, 1880, 32,366. This is at the rate of over 300,000 tons a year, and abundantly substantiates our information. We are not advised as to the particular source from which this ore was drawn, but the larger part was brought across the Atlantic, very little coming from Canada.

The Outlook for the British Iron Trade.

In an editorial on "The Iron Outlook," published in our issue of February 12, we called attention to the precarious position of the British market, due to the fact that the advance in prices seemed to be almost wholly speculative, and was, to all appearance, sustained chiefly on the strength of the improvement in this country and the already large and prospectively increasing demand for iron to supply the wants of American consumption. The expectations of an increased demand from other countries and of an improvement in the home demand had not then been realized, and the danger seemed to be that, in the absence of any other adequate outlet for the surplus of British iron, more would be sent to this market than could be sold except at concessions which would unsettle values and produce the results which always attend an oversupply at a time when confidence is weakened and speculation paralyzed. Since the article to which we have alluded was written, the English market seems to have experienced some rather sharp fluctuations which are not fully explained by the information as to prices sent us by cable, nor by the more tardy mail advices which have thus far come to hand. For the past three weeks our cable dispatches have indicated a most unexpected and alarming depression in the British markets. From what our well informed English correspondent says in his letter published in another column, we judge that the reason for this is found in the fact that there is a general lack of confidence in the conditions favoring improvement, from which so much was expected a few weeks ago, although there would seem to be abundant statistical warrant for a more hopeful feeling than appears to exist at this time. It may also be questioned whether the real condition of trade can fairly be judged from the happenings in the open market. Notwithstanding the evident demoralization of prices which our recent cable advices have shown, there are evidences of an increased demand which seem to warrant the prediction of a decided improvement in the British iron market. While the present and prospective American demand is still regarded as the most important outlet, it is not the only dependence. Reports from the principal iron-making districts of Great Britain are to the effect that the works are supplied with orders which will keep them busy for some months to come. Besides the prospect of continued orders on American account, there are better reports from Australia and New Zealand, and a marked increase, up to latest mail advices, in the business doing with the Cape and other South African countries. There is also a better outlook for Continental trade. English iron is more in demand in Germany; and the fact that in France and Belgium the iron and steel works are full of orders and prices are steadily advancing, seems to indicate that supplies from the British market will be needed.

These facts may be considered as favoring the hope that prices in Great Britain will soon experience a sustained advance; but before this can be brought about we may expect to witness fluctuations which will occasion more or less uneasiness in this country. There can be no question that the Continental demand is better than was expected. The reports from France are more satisfactory from week to week. Germany is busy, and as an illustration of the condition of trade in that country, it may be mentioned that on the 16th ult. Westphalia wire was £2 higher than English wire, with the prospect of further advances. Belgian manufacturers are full of work, and have advanced their prices to a figure which must necessarily divert orders to England, where they can be filled more cheaply and promptly. Such a diversion has already been witnessed to some extent. Like favorable conditions are found in Luxembourg and Austria. In fact, British manufacturers are now relieved from all anxiety on the score of active foreign competition, their competitors having their hands full, with good prospects ahead. From countries not themselves large producers, the reports are encouraging and the orders increasing. A well-informed correspondent writes us on this point as follows:

"Eastern Europe is buying more largely, and both Italy and Spain show symptoms of returning vitality. South Africa is rapidly assuming the position of one of our best colonial buyers. Orders thence are just now of good proportions. India is taking much railway material and sundries. From the Australian colonies and New Zealand orders are of large size, and the improved values of their raw products will certainly give an impetus to their purchases of our manufactured goods. From Brazil, the Argentine Republic, &c., advices speak more hopefully; indeed, on all sides there are cheering tokens, which support the opinion that trade is universally looking up, and favor the idea that we are certain to have an excellent year's

"business." Looking to the Board of Trade returns for January, the latest at hand, we find that these hopeful views are not without some statistical basis. Of the two and three-quarter millions increase in British exports as compared with January, 1879, upward of one million is credited to iron and steel. In the demand for some classes of iron goods British India ranks first; in sheets, hoops and boiler plates Australia receives double the quantity sent to this country; and as regards cast and wrought goods, the United States stand sixth in the list. Although India, Australia and Brazil follow us closely, the exports of hardware and cutlery to the United States are the largest. But except in our demands for iron, this country is not Great Britain's best customer. The total of our several imports from Great Britain bears but a trifling proportion to the whole, and (pig iron and old iron for remanufacture excluded) fall considerably short of those of British India, and are only fractionally above the exports to France and Germany. Even Spain and Russia are prominent in the January returns, and both show a great improvement in their demands for British machinery. The bulk of the increase, in short, must be credited to Australia, British India and to Continental countries. In the order named, India, Australia, Spain, France and Russia are England's principal customers for steam engines; and Russia, Germany, France and India for other descriptions of machinery, with America and Spain about equal in their demands. This is certainly better than was expected, and will be regarded with no little satisfaction by many classes of our readers.

From all the facts before us, the prospect of increased firmness in the English markets appears better than it did a month ago; and there is less reason for uneasiness at the disproportionate prominence given to the American demand in enumerating the elements of present and prospective strength. That the British iron trade is not yet "out of the woods," however, is shown by the tenor of our recent cable advices. Perhaps we cannot expect much change for the better until settled weather shall permit a resumption of navigation in waters which in winter are dangerous or practically closed. The next three or four weeks may confirm the hopes of improvement which now seem so abundantly warranted, or the present uncertainty may be still further prolonged; but notwithstanding the utterly unsatisfactory and disappointing character of current telegraphic advices, we believe a survey of the whole field will lead to the conclusion that the British iron trades must soon feel the effects of the general improvement, and that the amount of iron sent to this country will not be so great as to break the market. It is an unpleasant but obvious fact that our markets are now controlled in great degree by foreign iron, and many well-informed dealers and consumers are convinced that, unless the prices of foreign pig irons are advanced from some cause, it will be impossible to sustain the prices of native irons. If our hopeful view of the outlook abroad is warranted by the course of events during the next two months, the prices of foreign irons may advance to something nearer the level of domestic quotations. More than this is probably not desirable. Iron at the highest price at which it can be sustained is not favorable to general prosperity. What is more to be desired is stability in prices at a point which will yield fair profit to makers, without unduly encouraging speculation or perceptibly checking consumption. This, in view of the outlook abroad, we shall probably have; but those who are still inclined to speculation for a further advance would do well to study foreign advices very carefully, as they unmistakably furnish the key to the situation.

The Panama Canal.

M. de Lesseps, to whose energy and skill the completion of the Suez Canal is due, has appeared in this country as the promoter of an enterprise which, if carried through, would very considerably affect our commerce and that of the world. The proceedings of the eminent French engineer and financier and of his friends have been followed with close and critical attention by the people of the United States. Aside from political considerations, involving delicate questions as to the expediency of allowing European capitalists to control a highway of national importance, there was much in the manner in which the enterprise was promoted to arouse suspicion in this country. A so-called International Congress, composed largely of men without qualifications fitting them to sit in judgment on important rival schemes, rushed through an enormous amount of work without due deliberation or debate, and after a few sittings came to the conclusion that it ought to endorse M. de Lesseps' plans, probably because, in view of earlier successes, he was looked upon as being best able to decide, notwithstanding the fact that all his information had been gathered from the reports of others. It is not our object to discuss from an engineering point of view the merits of the different inter-oceanic canal routes proposed, because the matter has been, in a somewhat blundering manner, pushed beyond that phase. M. de Lesseps has gone and seen, and now he proposes to conquer. He has issued an invitation to the capitalists of the United States to participate in the enterprise, and generously holds out to them the prospect of securing one-

half of the share capital required, which proportion he has reserved for the moneyed men of America. After the failure to arouse much interest in a similar attempt some time since, this magnificent offer sounds very much like the kind advice which showmen are in the habit of giving to their patrons by urging them to secure seats early to avoid vexatious disappointment. M. de Lesseps' high standing entitles him to a respectful hearing, but no American business man, when about to invest in an enterprise of importance, can be expected to part with his money because he is dazzled by the prestige of a great name. He will look for facts and figures, and for these he is referred to the report of the Technical Commission, just submitted. According to this report the estimated cost of the canal from the Bay of Limon to that of Panama will be \$43,000,000 francs, or \$168,000,000, including a great dam at Gamboa, a tide lock on the Pacific side and a breakwater on the Atlantic side. This figure, it is expected, will in reality not be reached, and M. de Lesseps has, therefore, concluded to content himself with a share capital of 600,000,000 francs, or \$240,000,000. As it is avowedly the intention of the promoter of the enterprise to pay interest on the share capital during the time of construction, and there are no doubt heavy expenses connected with the floating of the enterprise, it is impossible for outsiders to see how largely this share capital will have to be supplemented by the issue of bonds. While much uncertainty exists on this score, there is considerable apprehension that the basis of the estimates of income are inaccurate and overdrawn. The figures were compiled by M. Lavasseur for the Congress, and although the writer distinctly states at the outset that a subject which for proper treatment would have required months of hard labor had to be dealt with in a few days, his jumble of figures and assumptions is presented as the basis upon which the financial prospects of a great enterprise rest. He adopts a peculiar method of getting at the tonnage by dividing the trade of the various countries with one another, expressed in coin by the estimated value of one ton of cargo. He claims for the canal the total commerce of the United States with Oriental Asia and Australia, one-half of its trade with the Indian Ocean, the commerce of Polynesia and of the States on the Pacific coast of America with the countries of North America and Europe, the trade between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts of the United States, and, finally, one-half of the trade of Europe with Eastern Asia and Oceania. M. Lavasseur estimates the total tonnage of trade of the United States affected by the canal at 3,443,000 tons, from which is deducted for local shipping, &c., enough to leave a total of 2,000,000 tons—a large exaggeration, if there is any value in the figures given by Admiral Ammen, who states that in 1877-78, the movement between United States ports on both oceans with one another, and with foreign ports, is about 975,000 tons. The data given by the latter authority seem much more probable, if it is considered that the tonnage of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company between New York and Aspinwall is only 320,000 tons. M. Lavasseur cannot claim that the trade passing around Cape Horn, if entirely diverted to the canal, and the quantities of through freight now going from Eastern seaports to San Francisco, would foot up to 2,000,000 tons, a figure which is strikingly preposterous when he places the trade between England and the Pacific coast at only 1,050,000 tons. Adding thereto 356,000 tons for France and 356,000 tons for other European countries, he reaches a total of 3,762,000 tons. Making allowances for inaccuracies, the total is placed at 3,500,000 tons. To this he adds 1,330,000 tons, obtained by taking one-half of the trade between Europe and Oriental Asia and Oceania. He seems to have had some misgivings on this point, and appears to have ignored that, owing to a disparity of distances, all in favor of the Suez Canal and the Cape of Good Hope routes, there is very little probability of any important portion of this trade taking the Panama route. By allowing for an expansion of trade during the years of the construction of the canal, M. Lavasseur rolls up this total of 4,830,000 tons to more than 7,000,000 tons; but here, again, prudence steps in and bids him stop at 6,000,000 tons.

The few indications given in the above may serve to show the peculiar methods by which the revenues of the Panama Canal are computed, the transit duty having been fixed at 15 francs, or about \$3, per ton.

We have noted in the above that the French promoters of the scheme have an exaggerated idea of the benefits which American commerce is to derive from the completion of a canal connecting the two oceans. We need hardly add that their expectations, if they really have any, of finding a market in this country for their shares, are doomed to disappointment. This country possesses so large and so profitable a field for enterprising capitalists, that there will be little disposition on the part of the moneyed men of the United States to embark in enterprises managed abroad, even if the representations of the promoters would stand close and critical examination. That M. de Lesseps' friends should have deemed it sufficient to present their estimates in a very crude and unsatisfactory state, decries even the last faint chance of aid which they may have had. M. de Lesseps should not misunderstand the cordial and

hospitable reception accorded to him during his stay among us. It was due him, and was meant solely for the great man who carried through the Suez Canal, not to the promoter of the Panama scheme.

The Outlook in the Western Iron Market.

There have been so many conflicting rumors regarding the present condition and probable immediate future of the Western iron market, that no little uncertainty exists on these points in the minds of the trade. Some of these rumors we have already noticed. A review of the present situation, the result of careful inquiries in circles that should know the facts, may not be without some value.

It is conceded that orders and inquiries are not so frequent nor so pressing as they were, say, two months ago. Reasoning from this, it is at once assumed by those who take counsel either of their wishes or their fears, that the "boom is at an end," and if they are buyers they try to profit thereby. But it does not by any means follow that this comparative falling off in orders is the result of any weakening in the market. There may be other causes—and in this case there are reasons outside of any weakness—to account for the fact that orders are not so pressing as they were.

In the first place, it is well to remember that at this season of the year—say February and March—there is generally a decided lull in the Western iron trade. This is due to several causes, chiefly connected with the season. The main cause, however, is the state of the roads and the impossibility of getting goods any distance into the country. This year the roads and weather are especially bad, and this fact alone would fully account for the falling off in inquiries and demand. Two weeks of good weather, and consequent improvement in the condition of country roads, would entirely change the market and give it a buoyancy that would be the greatest contrast with its present condition. Indeed the past week has shown a marked change, and careful inquiry by our representative at Pittsburgh among the iron manufacturers develops a decided improvement in inquiries and orders. It has also shown that while the demands of consumers are not so pressing nor so frequent as they were two months ago, as compared with other years they are very large and imperative, so much so as to occasion surprise. In other words, considering the season of the year, instead of there being any falling off in orders, there is a marked and decided improvement, and the outlook gives every encouragement for the immediate future. It is the opinion of the best informed and the most conservative of Western iron masters that the next four months will see the largest business in iron that the West has ever known. They do not share in the fear that some express, that the advance will in any important degree check improvements already contemplated. Regarding railroads, they point out that although the cost of construction has advanced 50 per cent. the past year, or in other words, that a railroad which would cost \$3000 a mile last year to build cannot be built this year under, say, \$12,000, the \$12,000 can be obtained this year easier than the \$3000 could have been raised last year.

We have already pointed out the effect of the announcement of the organization in the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys of what was erroneously believed to be an association hostile to the Western Iron Association. Those who assumed that such hostility would result in depressing iron are getting tired of waiting for the depression, and are making inquiries for iron. The passing away of this feeling will give a better tone to the market.

Another fact which will have a decided effect on the price of bar iron, is the rapid working up of the pig iron bought at low prices. Most Western mills have had considerable stocks of \$16 to \$30 pig iron. This is disappearing. They have been working ore as fast as cost \$7 to \$8 at Cleveland. When pig iron has to be bought at \$40 it will cause a different feeling as to the price of bars. When ore is received at furnaces and mills that cost \$12.50 at Cleveland, there will be no feeling of weakness on 4-cent iron.

The Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce has a parting shot at M. Leon Chouteau as he leaves our shores, and, worst of all, it discharges a broadside from the *Nation* at him. The gist of the report is as follows:

The New York *Nation*, an organ well known for its anti-tariff views, published as late as the 13th of February of the present year an article on the proposed treaty, and did not hesitate to say that, so far as this country was concerned, the scheme was a delusion and a snare, that France would have all the benefits, as such articles as cotton, breadstuffs, meats, lards and other produce which we now export largely to France, are under her present general tariff either free or subject to the same duties as under her conventional tariff. To show that after all the plan is simply a little game of heads the French manufacturer wins and tails the American loses, we need only add that there is to be no change proposed in the French tariff by which we can possibly be the gainers, as was clearly shown in the proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce of Angoulême, whose Committee on Iron and Steel reported as follows: "In the presence of the development and of the progress of this industry in the United States, our local industry is of the opinion that there is rather 'occasion for thinking of self protection against the introduction of American ironwork.'"

It was to be expected that the iron trades of this country would oppose the treaty, but to quote the *Nation* as an argument against

it was an unkind cut. The ground of the opposition to the treaty is summed up in the following resolution:

Resolved, That in our opinion, even if the terms of said proposed treaty were calculated to benefit American manufacturers, which they are not, such a treaty would be impracticable for the reason that it would disturb our commercial relations with other countries and violate agreements now existing between the United States and many European and other countries "which forbid any commercial favor to be granted by either party to other States that shall not immediately become common to the other party."

The Braggart Policy in Strikes.

After five weeks of idleness, the strike in the railroad pits of the bituminous coal mines of Western Pennsylvania ended in the complete defeat of the miners, and work was resumed at the price offered by the operators—3½ cents per bushel. The history of this strike and its outcome illustrates anew how absurd and unnecessary such strikes usually are. We say usually, for we do not hesitate to declare that the time may come in labor differences when a strike or lockout becomes a necessity. In this case, had a little reason and common sense been used, the distress and suffering, the injury to industry and the bitterness of defeat might have been avoided.

This strike was in that portion of the coal regions of Western Pennsylvania in which the attempt to settle differences by arbitration failed, for the same reason that caused the failure of the Arbitration Board—the absurdity of the demands of the miners regarding the basis of the sliding scale. The basis demanded was the price of boiling iron at Pittsburgh. The scale demanded at the time of the strike, when iron was 3½ cents per pound, would have made digging coal at that time 4¼ cents per bushel. Shortly after the strike commenced the card on iron advanced to 4 cents, and at this price digging would have been 5¼ cents, a most absurd price, and one which the miners themselves recognized as such by immediately withdrawing the scale and offering to go to work at 3 6-10 cents—1-10 cent per bushel advance on the offer of the operators. This offer not having been accepted in a stated time, the demand was advanced to 4 cents, and remained at this point up to the time when the miners voted to resume at 3½ cents.

The whole conduct of this strike on the part of the miners has seemed more like a game of bluff than the results of the deliberation of sensible men, conscious of the magnitude of the interests involved and the results dependent upon their acts, not only to themselves, but to the coal industry and the industries connected with it. They have also acted as though all wisdom was with them, and that they could hide their motives from men as able and as shrewd as themselves. At the very outset they boasted of the "solid" financial condition of the strikers. At the end they confessed "there was only \$27 in the general relief fund" when the strike commenced. For every "hundred dollars that came in, there were a thousand persons hungry for their share."

They began with a demand for 4¼ cents and a braggart scale, and when under their scale the price would have gone to 5¼ cents, instead of sticking to it, like braggarts they did not even stick to their first demand, but lowered it to 3 6-10 cents, with the evident intent of inducing some weak operator to accept it and then boast of their victory. At the end, instead of saying nothing as to the cause of defeat, the "bluff" spirit was still predominant, and the failure was ascribed to the refusal of the river miners to unite with them, forgetting that the river miners' refusal was because they were satisfied to work at 3½ cents, and thus this very claim was an acknowledgment that their own fellows believed their demand unreasonable. As a local paper phrases it: "If this is a sample of their policy in organizing and conducting a strike, then such policy was utterly devoid of honesty, the best of all policies."

Railway Extension in India.

With the exception of the United States, and possibly France, no country of the world appears to be so actively engaged in the extension of its railway system as India. It has long been understood by those at the head of Indian affairs, that the stability of English dominion and the development of the resources of the Indian Empire are dependent upon a rapid extension of railways. Their great value during recent complications in Afghanistan has shown this, and the increased exportation from India of bulky staples, like cotton and cereals, has clearly shown that commerce and agriculture also have been largely benefited. The interests of India, whether at war or at peace, demand increased railway facilities, and it is to India that English manufacturers look for a considerable market. Little is known in this country about the recent work done in India in this direction, and it may be of interest to place before the readers of *The Iron Age* some facts drawn from a government report by J. L. Danvers, for a copy of which we are indebted to Messrs. Matheson & Grant, engineers, London. On the 1st of January, 1878, India possessed 7220 miles of road, to which during the year were added 995 miles, built almost exclusively by the state. On the 1st of January, 1879, 1021 miles were either sanctioned or in course of construction, and it is more than probable that an equal mileage will be added during the coming year. The annual consumption of rails in that country for new lines will therefore not, in all probability, fall short of 100,000 tons, the greater bulk of which would be steel. In January of the present year more than 13,000 tons were

shipped from England, which, if this rate were kept up, would indicate a considerably larger demand. Small as this may seem when compared with the requirements of this market, it is quite an important item for English makers; and as it represents the whole of a demand the proportions of which have been unduly magnified by those interested, it deserves notice.

Never in the history of the iron trade of Pennsylvania has there been such activity in prospecting for iron ore as at the present time, and never have there been so many discoveries nor so many old mines reopened as during the past year. The high price now asked for this season's delivery of ores from other localities, whose excellence has led to their nearly exclusive use in many parts of the State for some years past, has stimulated this search. The native ores can be used in the furnaces in connection with these high-priced ores, and will make a good iron and one that will be much cheaper in cost. There promises, however, to be a demand for all the good ores that can be mined and put into the market.

The series of conferences at Pittsburgh between the manufacturers and the committees representing the Amalgamated Iron Association are at an end for the present, and have resulted in the workmen getting virtually what they demanded. At 4-cent card, their original demand for rolling No. 24 sheet iron was \$11.30 per ton; the price agreed upon was \$11.00. For muck rolling they demanded 92 cents; the price fixed was 90½ cents. For scrapping piles they demanded \$2.85 and got \$2.60. The changes in the other scales adopted below the demand of the iron workers were about in the same ratio as this.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE COMSTOCK LODGE, ITS FORMATION AND HISTORY. By John A. Church, E. M. Ph. D. Published by John Wiley & Sons, New York. Price, \$7.50.

From time immemorial it has been the effort of every miner to combine from observed facts some theory as to the origin of the deposit he is working, the latter being then used as a guide in further explorations. Although the elaboration of such theories has always, it appears, had a special charm for those working metalliferous deposits, very little truly scientific work has been done in this direction; and the great practical problem of the formation of mineral deposits and the genesis of their contents, is far from having received the attention which its importance demands. While in all other branches of geology hundreds of earnest specialists are gathering vast stores of facts, the efforts to make a scientific and close study of mineral deposits have not been numerous or satisfactory. One of the most elaborate and valuable monographs on the history and formation of any vein is that just published by Prof. J. A. Church on the Comstock Lodge. Many circumstances combine to make the study of that great lodge one of peculiar interest, and one eminently likely to attract the attention of many besides those whose tastes or profession leads them to enter upon such subjects. The varying fortunes of the great mines of the Comstock Lodge, the enormous quantities of bullion which some have poured into the hands of their owners and managers, the millions expended in unprofitable search for new bonanzas, the difficulties opposing the advance of the miner, the notorious gambling for which the mines of the lodge have acted as a pretense—all these circumstances have created the world-wide fame of the Comstock, and will add to the interest with which a work on the deposit itself is received. In presenting his views of the history and formation of the lodge, Prof. Church has naturally been forced to enter into many strictly scientific details, and his book cannot, therefore, in any sense be termed a popular one; so that those who take it up must not alone possess an accurate knowledge of geology, but they must also be well acquainted with the investigations of his predecessors, Baron von Richthofen and Clarence King. To many of our readers a short summary of the facts observed by the author and his conclusions will perhaps be welcome, as throwing light upon the difficulties with which those working our greatest silver deposits must contend, and as showing its nature, its present aspect and its future prospects.

The main direction of the Comstock lodge, though subject to great irregularities, is almost coincident with the line of magnetic north. The numerous mines possessing claims, varying from 3550 to 90 feet in length, have been divided into three groups. Beginning from the northern end, there are the Virginia group, comprising such mines as the Sierra Nevada, Mexican, Ophir, California, Consolidated Virginia, Best & Belcher, Gould & Curry, Savage, Hale & Norcross, Chollar and Potosi; the Gold Hill group, embracing the Yellow Jacket, Kentuck, Crown Point, Belcher and Overman; and the American Flat group, aggregating in all a total length of 22,546 feet. From 1859, when the Comstock lodge was accidentally discovered, until the end of 1878, the total amount of ore extracted is estimated at 6,500,000 tons, containing an estimated assay value of \$364,000,000, a sum equal very nearly to the par value of the stock of the 20 companies now working on the lodge. The total dividends distributed by 13 of them were nearly \$117,000,000, while the assessments levied were approximately \$38,000,000, leaving a balance of \$79,000,000.

The rapid progress of mining, which frequently amounts to a deepening of 150 feet in a year, has carried all the principal mines below the 2000-foot level, and as the deposit, which dips to the east at an angle varying between 30 and 60 degrees, is reached by vertical shafts sunk through the hanging wall, the line of shafts has steadily moved to the eastward, so that those now in progress of construction are from 3000 to 4000 feet from the lodge croppings, the latest and deepest being designed to strike the lodge at a vertical depth of about 4500 feet. From this it will be readily understood that Prof. Church, though his examination was made but a few years after the investigations

of von Richthofen and Clarence King, found a vast area of new ground open for inspection. Those of the German scientist were made in 1865, when the deep workings on the lodge were about 500 feet below the surface, while at the time of King's reports (1870) the mines had at some points reached 1100 feet. Mr. Church's observations have been gathered almost exclusively within the mines down to the 2000-foot level, little close study having been devoted to the surface, because the former method yields more trustworthy information. Baron von Richthofen had already shown, in the course of his investigations, that the Comstock lodge lies in rocks of late tertiary age, comprising diorite, propylite, andesite and trachyte, all rocks of volcanic origin, poured out in the order named. The history of the lodge is so closely dependent upon that of these rocks, that it will be of interest to briefly note the characteristic features indicating their origin. Prof. Church holds that the diorite underlies, in a broad, massive sheet, the whole of the lodge, and that it, as well as the propylite, has not come to the surface in consequence of one or a few overflows, but that numerous successive eruptions caused the formation of a thick series of stratified rocks of volcanic origin, which were tilted afterward, so that they now stand at angles varying from 35 to 60 degrees. The dynamic movement took place, and was probably completed, before the eruptions of andesite occurred. A striking proof of the fact that periods of activity were followed by long inaction, is furnished by the circumstance that vegetable remains and fossil wood have been found in the propylite in several localities. During the propylite period, which continued long enough to cause the formation of rock between 11,000 and 12,000 feet thick, the movements of the ground went on, their action being twofold. They caused, notably, a strong fold and a series of parallel smaller undulations having a north and south course, and causing fluctuations in the dip, while a system of subordinate folds, running east and west, created changes in the strike of the lodge and the country rocks. The intersections of the cross waves would mold each layer of the propylite and diorite into a checkered and irregular system of low domes and shallow troughs. A period of strong erosion followed, and this was succeeded by the appearance of a new volcanic rock, the andesite, which, according to all appearances, rose through many fissures between the layers of diorite and propylite, and was accompanied by vertical movements, causing the sliding of some portions of the fissure walls. Powerful decomposing and eroding forces carried away the greater bulk of the materials of this andesite overflow, so that the present exposures of that rock are comparatively small. The great mass of andesite overlying the older series had, however, the effect of modifying, by its weight, the effect of the dynamic movements still going on, and narrow partings opened between the strata, which afterward served as the highway of the waters, to which the formation of what is called the lodge is due. These hot waters, charged with silica, rose through the small crevices opened during the andesitic period, and acting upon the rocks, decomposed them. It should be distinctly stated that the large bodies of so-called "quartz" found in the Comstock lodge are by no means pure silica; they are not homogeneous, but generally composite structures of propylite and quartz in parallel layers. Everything points to the conclusion that they were not formed by deposition, but by substitution; they are not the result of a gradual filling of large and wide crevices with silica, but of a process of kaolinization, the products of which are clay, which is found in large, irregular and non-continuous masses in the Comstock lodge. Nor can the fact that on the surface the propylite is much more affected than the andesite, appear surprising when it is considered that the conditions are widely different. Based upon the observation that quartz bodies in the district are almost always accompanied by andesite dykes, Prof. Church holds that probably the main channel of the hot siliceous waters was a mass of propylite, fissured and baked by the heat of the adjacent dyke. This period of rock substitution by siliceous waters gives the origin of that great portion of the lodge and lodge quartz which is barren, the changes from ore bearing to poor ground being too sudden and too great to admit of their being the result of simultaneous action. The first period of sulfataric substitution was naturally accompanied by extensive erosion, the andesite on the surface being converted by kaolinization into clays, which were easily carried off by the waters. The next phase in the history of the Comstock lodge was that due to eruptions of trachyte, the main source of which was, however, removed somewhat further to the east. The mass of rock poured out is again assumed by Prof. Church to have been enormous, and to have wrought important changes by its weight. From an examination of the position of the bonanzas of the Comstock lodge, it appears that they occupy its highly inclined portions, and therefore it is concluded that, after the first period of rock substitution and quartz formation, the strata were reopened by some force, affecting only the steeper portions, and that it was at this time that the argenteiferous and auriferous portions of the lodge were deposited. It is to the trachyte, its enormous weight resting on the hanging wall, that Prof. Church assigns the work of creating this second system of channels. The instances of the influence of the dip of the strata, if we may so term them, upon the richness of the lodge are numerous and striking, and there is much that commends his view that the argenteiferous portions are due to a second period of siliceous substitution, accompanied by metallic impregnation contemporaneous with or succeeding the trachytic eruptions. There is also one noticeable difference of the quartz in the rich and barren portions, which is looked upon as indicating that both were derived from sources distinct from one another. The rich quartz is largely composed of material which may be easily crushed between the fingers, and the grains of which are never crystalline. In the upper regions this "sugar quartz" appears to have been cemented by resolution and redeposition of silica. The main channel of the

siliceous waters of this second metalliferous trachytic period is supposed, in the absence of any other continuous opening, to have been the same layer of rock near the black dyke which served as the highway of those of the first period.

Such are the main features of the history of the Comstock lodge. We need not add that the sketchy outlines here presented are carefully elaborated by Prof. Church, who has fortified his position in regard to his interpretation of the facts in a thorough, conscientious and able manner. In the chapters following he reviews the more prominent mines in the light of this theory, and then proceeds to draw the conclusions to which, if followed out, his view of the history of the lodge would point. The Comstock lodge is not a fissure vein, it is the result of substitution of volcanic rocks by sulfataric action. Its history indicates that the search for bodies of ore must be prosecuted in two directions, eastward across the strata and downward in the dip. The black dyke, which appears to have played an important part in the formation of the lodge, must serve as a guide in both vertical and horizontal exploration. As long as the dip is flat, little need be expected, but where the strata commences to take a rapid downward course, the chances for an improvement in the vein become promising. The second important fact is that the thickest parts of the quartz lie on the edge of the hollows of the west wall, and it is necessary to obtain the earliest indications of such changes. Prof. Church thinks, in view of the great power of the dynamic movements, that there can be little doubt that the productiveness of the lodge will continue to depths beyond the limits of profitable extraction. He thinks that, although the parallel quartz bodies of the Comstock have not proved rich near the surface, there is no sufficient reason to state positively that they are poor throughout, especially when it is taken into consideration through what great barren zones the mines in the mother lodge had to pass, until they reached what appears to be the second rich zone. In the second thousand feet of the mines on the lodge there has been a flattening of the dip, accompanied by a cessation of ore deposition, and as soon as the crest is passed there is promise of reaching, in the succeeding steep portion, a zone which may contain bonanzas. Prof. Church then enters into some general considerations and takes up the Justice lodge. This is followed by a chapter on the heat phenomena of the Comstock lodge, a subject to which we have already referred in connection with a paper read by the author before the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

We trust that from the foregoing our readers will have obtained an idea of the aims of Prof. Church's work. We need only add that in style and in arrangement of matter it is admirable, and that the publishers, have, by faultless execution and a number of well-printed plates, contributed largely to making a valuable and unique publication.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY OF TELEGRAPH ENGINEERS ON THE BIRMINGHAM WIRE GAUGE. Published by E. & F. N. Spon, London and New York.

As a body largely interested in all questions affecting the sale of wire of different kinds and grades, the Society of Telegraph Engineers of Great Britain appear to have determined to enter their protest against the present diversity of gauges, and express their wishes in regard to the standard which they desire to see become general. A committee was duly appointed, and the choice made is certainly well calculated to add weight to its recommendations, engineers of such renown as Siemens, Pierce, Abel Willoughby Smith, Prof. Abel and others taking part in its deliberations. Their report on the Birmingham wire gauge is now before us. In arriving at the conclusions embodied in this document, the committee was naturally guided largely by considerations affecting all consumers and manufacturers of wire; but they have taken into account also some matters which are important to telegraph engineers alone. To those using wire for telegraphic purposes, it is a matter of much convenience if they can, knowing the weight or conductivity of one size, readily calculate that of the others. It is not distinctly stated how much this consideration may have influenced the committee, but it naturally has done so to some extent. The main principles which have led to the decision reached, are worthy of the careful attention of those interested in this country, and we may be permitted to point them out briefly.

The various gauges now in use under the name of the Birmingham Wire Gauge, have been based on local practice and experience. They are well adapted to the requirements of the trade, and should not, therefore, be widely departed from. Besides being arbitrary and irregular, they have the disadvantage of being referred to English measures, so that their universal adoption would be a matter of difficulty. Besides, being graded by full thousands of an inch, they do not admit of the establishment of the finest sizes. Gauges formed by uniform decrements of weight from size to size have the merit of having no special relations to English measures, and can be extended indefinitely in either direction for larger and smaller sizes. These considerations have, after a due examination of English and American gauges, induced the committee to adopt Clark's system. Clark makes the No. 0 size equal to one centimeter in diameter, and then arranges each succeeding size so that it is exactly 20 per cent. less in weight than the preceding one. It is to be regretted that the committee do not in any portion of their report state what the weight of a unit of length of No. 0 Clark W. G. actually is. This new gauge—new because it has found little application until now, though proposed by Mr. Latimer Clark in 1867—is to be called the British Standard Gauge. Its chief merit is an approximate conformity with the numberless existing Birmingham gauges, and if it succeeds in supplanting them much will be gained. We are inclined to doubt, however, whether its claims to recognition as an international standard will be widely accepted.

The report, which deserves careful perusal, is accompanied by a number of tables

by an interesting letter from Mr. Thomas G. Rylands, of Warrington, the originator of the Warrington gauge, and by two papers read by C. V. Walker, on the unit of the B. wire gauge, and by Latimer Clark, on the wire gauge, before the Society of Telegraph Engineers and the British Association, respectively.

The Hoop Iron Controversy.—Duty on Damaged Russia Sheets.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10, 1880.

The opinion of the Attorney General and the accompanying papers, in answer to the letter of the Secretary on the hoop iron question, were submitted to the Cabinet yesterday, and were the subject of formal consideration with a view to directing what action should be taken by the Secretary in a question of such great importance. The opinion of the Attorney General went over the ground of former judicial action and the rulings of the Department at considerable length, and, being in a somewhat argumentative form, it was difficult to take any decided position on either side, as regards the direct question as to which classification of duty hoop iron cut into lengths should come under. It stated, however, that the Secretary of the Treasury would have perfect authority to reverse the present ruling of the department, though based upon the decision in the United States courts. As the duty collected on this class of iron in 1868 was specific, the Secretary in 1878 ruled (based on the courts in cases decided against the government in the matter of collecting specific duties) that Custom House officers should thereafter collect duties on hoop iron cut into lengths at 35 per cent. ad valorem. The opinion of the Attorney-General was that the Secretary of the Treasury has ample authority to set this last decision aside and instruct customs officers to collect the former specific duty, as provided for in the statutes. The Secretary of the Treasury, in conversation, indicates an evident unwillingness to assume the responsibility of acting upon this opinion of the Attorney-General, and is now seriously considering the propriety of referring the whole question to Congress. Before taking this step he will hold a conference with the law officers of his department. The representatives of the manufacturers are evidently not at all anxious that this question should be made the subject of Congressional action, as it would be likely to involve other questions and lead to such serious agitation of the duty on the various classes of iron as would tend to prejudice their interests.

A question is now pending as to the rebate of duties on Russia iron damaged by salt water and other causes incident to the exposure of a sea voyage. It is charged that importers purposely apparently damage the iron, which is subjected to treatment in the United States and is sold in the market for perfect Russia, thus evading full duty. The following letter to the Collector of the Port of Boston will explain the position of the department on the subject:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 26, 1880.

Collector of Customs, Boston, Mass.—SIR: Referring to department's letter of the 7th ult., in which you were instructed in regard to allowance for damage for rust on polished Russia sheet iron, I have to state that the report therein referred to as having been requested from the Collector of Customs at the Port of New York, has been received, and that the practice at that port appears to be substantially in accordance with the instructions contained in the department's letter above cited.

In the report of Special Agent Bingham, of which a copy was forwarded to you, it is stated that the "stereotyped cause so often assigned for damage—namely, heat in the hold of the vessel—would not be a valid one as relates to packages of sheet iron, for the reason that rust and stains such as would constitute a proper damage to be considered, must arise from actual contact with salt water; and if the outer sheets are in sound condition, it would follow that damaged sheets found in the interior of the package were either so damaged when packed or were packed in a moist condition."

The department is informed that such iron is often in a "chilled" condition when it is placed in the warm hold of the vessel, and that moisture is precipitated thereon and rust caused. It is believed that the fact of sound shipment and measure of damage can best be determined by the experts who see and handle all the damaged merchandise.

The examination should be made by the appraising officer while the packages are in their original condition, and such iron should remain unpacked and undisturbed in the original packages in which it was imported, until the proper examining officer has carefully inspected the damaged portion sheet by sheet. If merchants desire to obtain a knowledge of the condition of the importation of such iron before its examination by the customs officers, the appraiser may authorize the removal by them of one of the three iron bands of the package, so that the ends of the sheets can be pried apart and their appearance observed. Very respectfully,

H. F. FRENCH,
Assistant Secretary.

Commercial Law—Value of Warehouse Receipts.

Receipts.—The case of the First National Bank against H. M. Bates, on trial in the United States Court at Cincinnati, was ended with a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed. The point in the case of public interest was the legal value of warehouse receipts. The bank had loaned \$8000 to one Grant, provision broker, and had taken as security a warehouse receipt of Bates for lard, containing a provision that the lard was to be delivered on presentation of the receipt. Grant failed, and when the Bank called on Bates for the lard it was found that it had been delivered upon the order of Grant. The verdict was rendered for the plaintiff under the instruction from the Court that the warehouseman was bound to observe the condition of the receipt. Suits are pending upon similar receipts, amounting in the aggregate to 27,000.

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Special Notices.**Amber Bronze.**

In the issue of The Iron Age of March 4 attention was called to the decision of Judge Lowell, in the United States Circuit Court, District of Massachusetts, in the case of Hiram Tucker vs. Burditt, et al. We would now call attention to a later decision by Judge Shipman, in the U. S. Circuit Court, District of Connecticut, involving the same questions that were before Judge Lowell, namely: Whether the well-known goods made by us under the name of "Amber Bronze" were an infringement of the Tucker patent. Judge Shipman confirms the decision of Judge Lowell in every particular, holding that our Amber Bronze goods are not within the patent to Hiram Tucker. This decision was rendered on the 24 day of March, 1880, and covers all goods which we are manufacturing claimed to be within the Tucker patent. All persons buying our Amber Bronze goods will be protected.

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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE, 1

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 10, 1880.

During the past week the financial markets

have been active and generally strong. At

noon to-day United States Assistant Treasurer

Hillhouse opened proposals to sell

United States bonds to the government for

the sinking fund. The amount advertised

for was \$1,000,000. The offers were twenty-

eight in number, and amounted to \$12,670,-

350. The large proposals were made by the

First National Bank, \$4,000,000; by Kuhn,

Loeb & Co., \$1,000,000; by Vermilye &

Co., \$1,000,000, and by Fisk & Hatch \$877,-

000. At about 2.30 o'clock a dispatch was

received from Secretary Sherman directing

the acceptance of \$2,000,000 of the bonds

offered. Assistant Treasurer Hillhouse

thereupon accepted the following: \$738,000

sized of 1880 at 104 and under, \$1,262,000

fives of 1881 at 103.44 and under.

The specie importations for the week end-

ing March 6, amount to \$101,147, including

\$35,539 gold and \$65,635 silver. Since

the 1st of January the importations will

reach \$1,867,764, consisting of \$841,990

gold, and \$1,025,552 silver. From the 1st

of August, 1879, to March 5th, 1880, there

has been a total importation of \$79,872,552,

of which \$70,096,922 is gold and \$3,775,630

silver.

In the money market the ruling rate for

call loans has been 5 @ 6 %, exceptional

loans being made as low as 4 %.

Railroad bonds have been strong and ac-

tive, the special features being the issues of

the Erie, the Chesapeake and Ohio, Mobile

and Ohio and the Ohio Central.

The stock market has been alternately

strong and heavy, but strong in the main,

and the general list advanced 1 @ 10 %.

Later, however, the market became weak,

and prices declined. At the close the whole

market was weak, with quotations as given

below:

The bank return shows a loss of \$1,513,550

in surplus reserve, which now stands at \$3,-

314,550, against \$4,215,725 at this time

last year, and \$13,983,825 at the correspond-

ing period in 1878. The loans show a gain

this week of \$3,589,900, the specie is up

641,700, the legal tenders are decreased

\$2,037,600, the deposits other than United

States are up \$470,600, and the circulation

is decreased \$171,900.

The following is an analysis of the bank

totals of this week compared with that of

last week:

	Feb. 28.	Mar. 6.	Comparisons.
Loans.....	\$93,545,600	\$97,135,500	Inc. \$3,589,900
Specie.....	57,413,300	58,055,000	Inc. 641,700
Legal tenders.....	14,168,000	12,130,400	Dec. 2,037,600
Total reserve.....	71,581,300	70,185,400	Dec. 1,395,900
Deposits.....	271,012,800	271,483,400	Inc. 470,600
Reserve re-			
quired.....	67,753,000	67,800,800	Inc. 117,800
Surplus.....	2,588,100	2,314,550	Dec. 2,273,550
Circulation.....	21,874,000	21,002,100	Dec. 1,771,900

The foreign trade movements at the port

of New York since our last issue are shown

in the following tables:

IMPORTS.

For the week ended March 6:

	1879.	1879.	1880.
Dry goods.....	\$2,351,173	\$1,855,698	\$5,012,307
General merchandise.....	3,321,231	3,450,320	8,445,739
Total for week.....	\$5,672,404	\$5,306,018	\$13,458,046
Prev. reported.....	44,271,783	44,591,218	60,620,800
Since Jan. 1.....	\$10,924,164	\$10,867,236	\$31,407,846

Included in the imports were items of

merchandise valued as follows:

	Quantity.	Value.
Anvils.....	218	\$1,727
Brass goods.....	38	7,841
Bismuth.....	8	3,685
Bronzes.....	31	8,497
Chains and anchors.....	333	9,569
Copper.....	63-35	6,262
Cutlery.....	231	14,065
Iron, hoop, tons.....	109	10,347
Iron, pig, tons.....	5418	80,580
Iron, sheet, tons.....	189	10,445
Railroad bars.....	6,408	49,093
Iron, hoop, tons.....	109	10,347
Iron, ore, tons.....	1,257	5,325
Lead, pigs.....	1,519	9,474
Metal goods.....	4,465	29,184
Nails.....	5,054	3,054
Needles.....	12,211	12,211
Nickel.....	16	2,154
Plated ware.....	3	15,000
Plated ware.....	1	20
Perforated caps.....	55	8,573
Saddlery.....	18	3,096
Steel.....	46,104	46,104
Spelter.....	447,068	21,507
Silverware.....	105	105
Silver ore.....	20	201
Tin, 25,361 slabs; lbs., 2,273,640.....		225,112
Teasels.....	12	488
Wire.....	2,123	17,158
Zinc.....	224,396	11,405

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

For the week ended March 9:

	1878.	1879.	1880.
For the week.....	\$8,147,765	\$5,763,155	\$7,775,054
Prev. reported.....	57,446,926	47,936,051	47,745,114
Since Jan. 1.....	\$60,594,691	\$53,749,206	\$55,521,068

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

For week ended March 6:

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Total for the week.....	\$1,953,076	1,370,502	1,370,502
Previously reported.....			
Total since January 1, 1880.....			\$3,333,578

Government bonds at the close were quoted

as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 6's 1880 registered.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. 6's 1880 coupon.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. 6's 1881 registered.....	103 3/4	104
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U. S. 5's 1881 registered.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. 5's 1881 coupon.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. 4 1/2's 1881 registered.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. 4 1/2's 1881 coupon.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. 4's 1897 registered.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. 4's 1897 coupon.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. Currency 6's 1893.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. Currency 6's 1895.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. Currency 6's 1896.....	103 3/4	104
U. S. Currency 6's 1897.....	103 3/4	104

The following were the closing quotations

of active shares:

	Bid.	Asked.
Alton and Terre Haute.....	23 1/2	25 1/2
American District Telegraph.....	71	72 1/2
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph.....	43 1/2	46
Boston Water Power.....	15	17 1/2
Barrington and Quincy.....	11 1/2	14 1/2
Canada Southern.....	66 1/2	67
Cent. Arizona.....	9	10 1/2
Col. Chicago and Indiana Central.....	17 1/2	17 1/2
Clev., Col. Cin. and Indianapolis.....	78	78 1/2
Cleveland and Pittsburgh.....	111	112 1/2
Chicago, St. Paul and Minn.....	55	55 1/2

Stanley G. Flagg & Co., manufacturers of Steel Castings, have removed their office and warehouse from 216 and 218 North Third street to their new works, northwest corner of Nineteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, Philadelphia. Notice of their removal reached us too late to alter the address in their advertisement which appears on the last page of this paper.

We invite attention to the advertisement of P. & F. Corbin, regarding the decision of Judge Shipman in the matter of their "Amber Bronze," which appears among "Special Notices."

Bissell & Welles announce in their advertisement, which appears among "Special Notices," a large trade sale of Hardware, Cutlery, House Furnishing Goods, &c., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 24, 25 and 26, at their salesrooms, Nos. 83 Chambers and 65 Reade streets. Further particulars regarding the sale will be found in the advertisement referred to.

The Richmond and Allegheny R. R. Co. invite proposals for furnishing and erecting four bridges over the James River, also two bridges over smaller streams. We invite the attention of bridge builders to their advertisement, which appears among "Special Notices," and in which further particulars regarding the required structures will be found.

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

[Special Report by Cable to The Iron Age.]

LONDON, Wednesday, March 10, 1880.

Scotch Pig.—Since last report the market has been very much depressed, but there is now a better feeling, and prices are steady at a decline of 7/6 on Gartsherrie, 4/ on Coltness, 5/ on Glengarnock, and 6/ on Eglinton, from last week's quotations. The following are to-day's quotations:

Gartsherrie.....70/0
Coltness.....76/0
Glengarnock.....72/6
Eglinton.....55/0

Manufactured Iron.—Is quiet and prices steady. We quote Best Staffordshire Bars at £9.

Steel Rails.—The market is very dull, with little demand and prices nominal. We quote unchanged at £9. 5/ to £10.

Iron Rails.—Are in little request and transactions are small. We quote Welsh, nominally, £8. 10/ to £8. 15/.

Old Rails.—Are in large supply, with little or no demand. Prices are weak. We quote, nominally, £6. 10/.

Wrought Scrap.—Is at a standstill and nothing is doing. We quote, nominally, £6. 5/.

IRON.

American Pig.—There is no change to report in the condition of the iron market this week. The inquiry continues light and prices are more in buyers' favor, although manufacturers of brands best known in this market show no disposition to sell below the basis of \$40 for No. 1 Foundry. The sales reported during the week are only of a retail nature. We quote Foundry No. 1 \$39 @ \$40; Foundry No. 2, \$37 @ \$38; Gray Forge, \$36.

Scotch Pig.—We cannot report any improvement in the tone of the market for foreign iron. The arrivals this week amount to about 3000 tons, a considerable falling off from the amount reported a week ago. The only sales we hear of are 200 tons Glengarnock at \$30 and 200 tons of the same brand at \$31. Our cablegram shows a declining market on the other side, and here quotations are off a trifle from the figures quoted last week. We quote Eglinton \$29.50 @ \$30; Coltness, \$33.50 @ \$34; Glengarnock and Gartsherrie, \$30 @ \$31.

Rails.—A sale is reported of 10,000 tons American Steel Rails for delivery during the current year, on terms which have not transpired. In foreign Rails, either Steel or Iron, no new business has come to our knowledge. We repeat former quotations, which, however, in the present condition of the market must be considered only nominal, viz.: Steel, \$82.50 @ \$85; Iron, \$80 @ \$83.

Old Rails.—The market is quiet, and the week has passed without bringing to light any transactions worthy of mention. It is rumored that an offer by a consumer has been made for 10,000 tons of Old Rails, to import, at a price equivalent to between \$40 and \$41 here, but whether the offer was accepted or declined we did not learn. We quote: T. B., \$41 @ \$42; and D. H., \$42 @ \$43.

Scrap.—The demand for Scrap Iron is limited, and prices are somewhat unsettled. Holders' views are for No. 1 Wrought \$42 ex ship, but it is thought that this price would be shaded. A sale is reported of 150 tons at \$42.50, from yard. We quote No. 1 Wrought, from yard, \$43 @ \$45.

METALS.

Since our last report the sales of Lake Superior Copper have been confined to some 250,000 pounds at 23 3/4¢ @ 24¢, at which figure the market closes quiet, but with a good deal of firmness. Baltimore may nominally be quoted as much. London cables £68. 10/ @ £69 for Chili Bars and £78 for Best Selected. A few statistics relating to the position on this side, for which we are indebted to Messrs. F. W. Heyne & Bro., may not prove out of place. The stock on Jan. 1, 1880, was estimated to be at New York: Lake Superior Ingot (5000

barrels) 4,000,000 pounds; do. Cake and Bars, 1,000,000 pounds; Baltimore and other brands, 500,000 pounds; at Detroit at smelting works, 1,000,000 pounds; on Lake Superior and on the way by rail, shipped in December, after the close of navigation, 3,500,000 pounds; together, 10,000,000 pounds. The shipments have been: I. From Lake Superior, overland, from December 1, 1879, to the end of February, 1880, Refined Copper, 8,000,000 pounds, and deducting therefrom the stock stated above, 3,500,000 pounds, it will leave 4,500,000 pounds. II. From Lake Superior to the Detroit Smelting Works, 700 tons Ore, containing fine Copper, 1,000,000 pounds. III. From Europe, Lake Superior Ingot Copper returned in 1880, 1,000,000 pounds, and, furthermore, Best Selected English, also from Europe, 1,000,000 pounds, constituting an aggregate supply of 17,500,000 pounds, from which there will have to be deducted the consumption in January and February, which we estimate at 8,500,000 pounds, leaving an available supply on March 1, 1880, of 9,000,000 pounds. To these figures we add the following remarks: I. The shipments from Lake Superior overland have been caused to be made so early by the strong demand for Copper from manufacturers in December and January last, and by the desire on the part of the mining companies to save taxes which are levied on the amount of stock at the works on March 1 each year. At least seven-eighths of those shipments went direct into the hands of consumers. II. The shipments from Lake Superior after March 1 will be insignificant, the principal mines having stopped them altogether. III. The stock of Lake Superior Copper in Europe is now pretty well exhausted, and, therefore, no further reimportation from that quarter is expected on this side. IV. The arrivals from Lake Superior after the opening of navigation will naturally be very light, in view of the heavy shipments that were effected during the winter season. V. Manufacturers are working to their full capacity, and the prospects are that the consumption at least will amount this year to an average of 4,000,000 pounds per month. There has been no change in the manufactures of Copper here since our last report. We quote: Braziers' Copper, 34¢; Bolts, 34¢; Circles, 37¢; and Sheathing Copper, 32¢.

Tin.—Our market has, as was expected, ruled excessively dull. The jobbing demand is small, and the only speculative sale made during the week has been one of 75 tons Straits at 21 1/2¢, purchased with a view to save the market from a rapid decline. We quote large lots Straits Tin to-day 21 1/2¢ @ 21 3/4¢; English Refined, 21 1/2¢ @ 22¢; English Common, 21 1/2¢ @ 21 3/4¢; Australian, 21 1/2¢; Billiton, 21¢, and Banca, 24¢ @ 25¢. London has declined with Straits to £89 and Singapore to \$29.50. The large shipments from the Straits this way in December and January, as given in the mail advices which have now reached us from there, have fairly staggered the metal trade on this side. At the same time we hear from Tasmania, also by mail, that at the high prices ruling, that colony is producing most actively. The same will no doubt be the case on the mainland of Australia, and it will not take a long time when in all likelihood the statistical position of Tin will be about as unfavorable as it was at times previous to the late revival. At least these are the apprehensions, and it remains to be seen whether the increased consumption—which nobody denies—can cope with such overwhelming supplies during the remainder of the current year. In the Tin-Plate market a fair consumptive demand continues to prevail. Large consumers are reported to carry small stocks only; their reappearance in the market is therefore expected at an early date. We quote at the close large lines, ordinary brands, per box: Charcoal Bright, \$9.75, fair grades being firmly held; ditto Ternes, \$8.50 @ \$8.75; Coke Tin, \$7.50 @ \$7.75, and ditto Ternes, \$7.50; we do not, therefore, see the heavy fall alluded to in one of the daily papers.

Lead.—The Lead market persists in its quiet mood, there still being a lack of demand. We quote Common Domestic, 5.90¢ @ 5.95¢. There has transpired nothing in Refined, which may nominally be quoted at 6 1/2¢. We quote: Sheet Lead, 9¢; Pipe, 8 1/2¢; Tin-lined Lead Pipe, 15¢, and Block-Tin Pipe, 45¢, less the usual discount to dealers.

Solder and Zinc.—This metal shares the general stagnation which has seized upon the remainder. We continue our quotations of 6 1/2¢ @ 7¢ for both Common Domestic and Silesian. Sheet Zinc is worth 8 1/2¢.

Nickel.—There is no change. A moderate demand prevails at the steady price of \$1.40 for prime American.

Antimony.—Has been moderately active at the ensuing rates: Johnson's, 20¢; Hall's, 21¢, and Cookson's, 25¢.

COAL.

The trade for the past week has not shown any very marked changes. The active demand for the large sizes has continued, and orders for them have been taken with some reluctance, even when a very fair advance has been obtained. The furnace demand still keeps the large sizes scarce, everything that can by any possibility be used by them being taken. A very small quantity of "manufactured" Coal is of course produced. Mr. Savard estimates that the falling off in the Domestic sizes amounts to 75 per cent. of last year's production. The smaller tonnage in the Domestic sizes makes itself felt in the diminished quantity of Pea and Buckwheat Coal. These are largely used in manufacturing, and the result is that they are very strong and active. The activity of the manufacturing sizes, both small and large, is so great as to impart a firmness to even the domestic sizes, Stove and Chestnut, which are actually slow of sale. These companies seem to be stocking, preferring to hold them, in hope of a better demand later in the season, to rushing them off now, and thereby tending to break down the market. The shipments of Coal show a decided falling off in quantity when compared with last year. So far the restriction of

tonnage by means of the half-time arrangement has been very strictly carried out. Prices are closely adhered to. The last circular of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western quotes Lump, Steamer, Broken and Egg at \$3.70; Stove, \$4, and Chestnut, \$3.90. Lehigh Coals are quoted at from \$4 to \$4.25 for Broken, with Egg and Stove at about \$4 and Chestnut at about \$3.75.

The Philadelphia and Reading circular, to take effect the 15th, quotes Broken, Egg and Stove at \$4 for the hard White Ash, and \$3.70 for the free burning Broken and Egg, and Stove \$4. Taken altogether, the circulars show an upward tendency.

EXPORTS.

Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the Week ending March 9, 1880:

Hamburg.	Quant. Val.
Ptm. gals. 532,014	\$42,558
Cement, cases, 1	120
Hdw. cs., 77	1,499
Tinware, cs., 8	200
Gas flts., pkgs. 7	300
Stoves, pkgs., 2	600
Sew. mach. cs. 27	2,529
Mf. iron, pgs. 4	260
Lub. oil, gals. 135	65
Hetting, cs., 15	4,882
W. mach. cs. 100	4,000
Ag. imp. pgs. 530	16,705
Mach'y, cs., 34	3,575
Emery wh. bx. 1	107
Ag. imp. pgs. 179	9,000

Dutch East Indies.
Ptm., gals. 791,000 95,415

Bremen.
Lub. oil, gals. 3,950 537
Grinding, bx. 100 200
Wringers, bx. 4 162
Mf. iron, pgs. 13 323
Ag. imp. pgs. 21 1,179
Ptd ware, cs. 4 150

Dutch West Indies.
Hdw. cs., 15 367
Mach'y, cs., 1 20
Ptm., gals. 500 65
Glassw. cs., 3 42

Rotterdam.
Hdw. cs., 11 253
Ag. imp. pgs. 26 1,447
Mach'y, cs., 9 610
Ore, tons, 149 900
Lub. oil, gals. 12,486 6,347
Burners, cs., 1 108
S. paper, bales 21 100

Antwerp.
Ag. imp. pgs. 146 8,380
Car wheels, 59 610
Tacks, cs., 95 771
Hdw. cs., 30 655
Ore, tons, 153 1,000
Coal, gals. 4,815 230
Anthrax, cs. 30 1,800
Belting, bx., 1 94
Sew. mach. cs. 68 983

Stettin.
Ptm., gals. 116,705 8,500

Elstinoe.
Ptm., gals. 122,042 9,376

Leith.
Lub. oil, bbls. 130 951

Hull.
Pumps, pkgs., 0 400
Ag. imp. pgs. 35 3,580
Carbines, case 1 73

Glasgow.
Belting, cs., 12 4,382
Mach'y, pgs. 3 163
Hdw. cs., 9 400
Cop. pils., 9 1,701

London.
Mf. iron, pgs. 64 4,222
Ag. imp. pgs. 54 1,414
Hdw. cs., 263 4,484
Ptm., gals. 50,011 6,270
Lub. oil, gals. 50,257 8,536
Horse-shoes, pkgs. 63 920
Sew. mach. cs. 69 2,724
Mach'y, pgs. 71 3,450
Wringers, cs. 12 300
Emery, kegs., 3 168

Cuba.
Mf. iron, pgs. 3139 4,353
Hoops, 200 2,867
Nails, kegs., 40 1,584
Mach'y, pgs. 69 2,724
Hdw. cs., 103 2,078
Glassware, cs. 26 662
Ptm., gals. 23,900 3,137
Nails, kegs., 15 230
Fire engine, 1 360
Tel. mts., pgs. 2 150
Zinc, bxs., 8 503
Coal, gals. 8,310 320
Sew. mach. cs. 152 2,973
Iron, pgs. 1506 8,000
Brass tub., 1 72
Wire, reels, 181 2,754
Notions, cs. 5 967
Nails, kegs., 55 263
Gas flts., cs., 1 160

Luarca.
Iron safe, 1 120
Mach'y, cs., 3 423
Scales, bxs., 5 45
Glass, bxs., 3 74
Pumps, pkgs., 8 21

French West Indies.
Nails, kegs., 65 360
Mf. iron, pgs. 3 40
Pumps, pkgs., 8 150
Zinc, bxs., 8 503
Ptm., gals. 4,290 503
Hdw. cs., 181

Cette.
Ptm., gals. 89,229 6,802

Bilbao.
Sew. mach. cs. 1 20
Ptm., gals. 125,180 13,144

United States of Colombia.
Mf. iron, pgs. 63 669
Shoe nails, cs. 100 2,912
Pumps, pkgs., 13 271
Cartridges, cs. 6 174
Powder, lbs. 6259 1,183
Zinc, bxs., 8 503
Rr. mts., pgs. 14 392
Telephones, pgs. 23 2,500
Car wheels, 12 200
Grindstones, 12 47
Engine, 1 1,600
Revolvers, cs. 2 247
Ptm., gals. 4,424 503
Ag. imp. pgs. 6 33
Mach'y, pgs. 159 7,912
Hdw. cs., 137 3,503
Cutlery, cs., 110 2,502
Pistols, cs., 3 590
Zinc, bxs., 8 503
Glassware, cs. 30 323
Tel. mts., pgs. 118 2,890
Shoe, kegs., 26 339
Guins, cs., 124 244
Ptd ware, cs. 5 451
Ag. imp. pgs. 8 146

Brazil.
Shoe nails, cs. 26 312
Glassware, cs. 23 2,972
Ptm., gals. 2541 246

Central America.
Bridges, 2 16,612
Hdw. cs., 25 613
Rifles, cs., 1 157
Tinware, cs., 4 164
Hdw. cs., 31 704
Locomotive, 1 8,948
Mf. iron, pgs. 60 420
Mach'y, pgs. 90 3,395
Cartridges, cs. 1 456
Cartages, cs. 1 58

Porto Rico.
Hoops, 25,000 1,255
Ag. imp. pgs. 30 397
Hdw. cs., 68 1,002
Glassw. cs., 34 705
Ptd. ware, cs. 1 124
Mf. iron, pgs. 20 306
Tinware, cs., 4 100
Iron, bars, 20 75
Mf. iron, pgs. 108 1,404
Cars, 34 1,603

China.
Cartridges, cs. 750 23,000
Mf. iron, pgs. 20 306
Sew. mach. cs. 22 400
Ptm., gals. 33,400 3,730
Glassw. cs., pgs. 201 3,550

Philippines.
Cartridges, cs. 750 23,000
Mf. iron, pgs. 20 306
Sew. mach. cs. 22 400
Ptm., gals. 33,400 3,730
Glassw. cs., pgs. 201 3,550

Imports.
Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the Week ending March 9, 1880:

Hardware.	Quant. Val.
Baldwin Bros. & Co.	
Hdw. cs., 1	
Barbour Bros. & Co.	
Mach'y, cs., 6	
Baring Bros. & Co.	
Hdw. cs., 7	
Billman & Erand.	
Ironware, cs., 2	
Ironware, cs., 15	
Blomfield J. C. & Co.	
Mach'y, pgs., 12	
Mach'y, cs., 5	
Castings, 5	
Plates, 2	
Boker, Hermann & Co.	
Hdw. cs., 12	
Hdw. cs., 38	
Brace & Cook.	
Wire, bbls., 60	
Cary & Moore.	
Wire, bbls., 676	
De la Plaque E.	
Mdse., pgs., 3	
Dodge.	
Steel wire, csks., 2	
Dreyfus, Weiler & Co.	
Hdw. cs., 2	
Field & Alfred Co.	
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Folsom H. & D.	
Hdw. cs., 1	
Friedman & Lauter.	
Jung.	
Mdse., pgs., 3	
Gopal T.	
Mdse., pgs., 25	
Graef Cutlery Co.	
Mdse., pgs., 5	
Howard Bros. & Read.	
Hdw. cs., 2	
Howard Bros. & Co.	
Mdse., pgs., 4	
Lalanc & Grojean.	
Mdse., pgs., 2	
Lockwood Arthur L.	
Piles, cs., 1	
Mdse., cs., 1	
Loewi Edgar.	
Hdw. cs., 1	
McCoys, cs., 1	
Chains, cs., 11	
Milliken & Smith.	
Wire, bbls., 3529	
Nathan & Dyer.	
Mdse., pgs., 1	
Overton & Co.	
Cutlery, cs., 1	
Pelgrain & Meyer.	
Mach'y, cs., 18	
Fly-wheel, 1	
Weights, mach'y., 8	
Rogers H.	
Mdse., pgs., 5	
Schovering, Daily & Gale.	
Hdw. cs., 7	
Schuyler, Hartley & Co.	
Mdse., pgs., 1	
Guns, cs., 15	
Scott U. F.	
Hdw. cs., 4	
Struller, Lau & Co.	
Mdse., pgs., 2	
Tillotson L. G. & Co.	
Wire, bbls., 300	
Waefer & Dusters.	
Hdw. cs., 28	
Hook nails, csks., 138	
Wetzlar M.	
Mdse., pgs., 3	
White John S.	
Mach'y, cs., 5	
Wiebusch & Hilger	
Hdw. cs., 4	
Cutlery and hdw.,	
pks., 95	
Wolf S. N. & Co.	
Ironware, pgs., 40	
Order.	
Files, csks., 38	
Guns stocks, cs., 4	
Guns, cs., 6	
Nails, kegs., 69	

Bank of N. Y. National.
Banking Assn.,
Punched oil bbl.
hoops, 5993

Baring Bros.
Bars, 172,658
Fig. tons, 658
Bund., 224
Wire rods, bbls., 830
Hoop rods, bbls., 430
Brown Bros. & Co.

Byrne Jos. & Co.
Bars, 5374
Bundles, 2688
Shoe nails, 3
Cary & Moen.

Wire rods, bbls., 348
Bessemer rods, 4
Bldg. 78
Coddington, B. & Co.
Sheet iron, bbls., 88
Crowell & Co.

Bars, 2760
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Old rails, 535
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Elliott, Sons & Co.

Ore, tons, 100
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Scrap, tons, 66
Lee Jas. & Co.

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Sheet Iron.—There is a quiet feeling in this department also, although it is probably in a better position at the moment than any other branch of the iron trade. Stocks in manufacturers' hands are quite small, orders on their books are considerable, and the season in which the demand is most active is near at hand. No especial change need, therefore, be anticipated in this department, although it is likely that the best class of buyers could gain some advantage from the rates of last week. For small lots we quote:

Common Sheet, No. 25 to 28.....	7 1/2¢
Common Sheet, No. 22 to 25.....	7 1/2¢
Common Sheet, No. 16 to 21.....	7 1/2¢
Best Refined 1/2¢ advance on the above.	
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 25 to 28.....	8 1/2¢
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 22 to 25.....	8 1/2¢
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 16 to 21.....	8 1/2¢
Common Red Plates, 1/2 to 16.....	4 1/2¢
Blue Annealed, 1/2 to 16.....	4 1/2¢
Best Bloom Galvanized, discount.....	List price
Second quality, discount.....	10%

Bar Iron.—Business has not improved during the week, and there is more anxiety to secure orders than we have seen for some time. The remarks under "Pig Iron" are equally applicable here, as manufacturers appear to have been entirely overgenerous by the importers. Manufacturers took large orders at low prices, and placed themselves in a position in which, for a time, they had but little to sell, and then advanced their prices in a manner very satisfactory to those into whose hands the low-priced iron had passed. Labor was also advanced in its full proportion to the change in quotations, and it seemed settled that 4¢ for Bars was to be a minimum price. Now that the mills are running short of work, however, they find it exceedingly difficult to obtain the rates quoted when they were not able to fill orders, and it seems as though a new basis of values will have to be found before business can go on in its usual course. What that will be it is impossible to say at present, but that it will be lower than now quoted seems certain. We hear of rumors of sales at prices below our quotations, and we are free to state that very little business can be done at 3.8¢. Consumption shows no falling off, and the demand will probably be heavy enough to keep all the mills fully employed, but to secure this, prices must be kept down to a point at which it will not pay to import foreign iron.

Steel Rails.—The market is a shade easier, and orders can be placed at \$52.50—possibly \$50 in some quarters. The dullness is believed to be temporary, and due in some measure to the weakness in foreign markets. Prospects of heavy requirements were never better, so that there is no doubt that business will be more active at an early date, even if prices do not improve; \$80 @ \$85 may be regarded as extreme quotations, the latter for Western delivery. We hear of several thousand tons to be rolled from German Blooms offered at \$83, at Pittsburgh; no sale reported, however.

Iron Rails.—Prices are off a little, especially on lots held in second hands, holders of which show increasing anxiety to unload. Sales of heavy sections reported at \$66; but buyers are holding off, hoping to do better later on. There are a good many inquiries, and if prices were more settled, there is no doubt some nice orders would be given out. The market is feverish, and \$65 @ \$70, according to section, may be regarded as a fair average of the market.

Old Rails.—The market is unusually quiet, and sales all told, so far as we can learn, will not exceed 1500 tons for the week. Two lots of D. H. sold at \$42.50, but T's are hard to move at over \$41. Buyers would probably take hold in quantity at about \$40, to arrive, but we have not heard of any sales closed below \$40.75, and they are not offered very freely at less than \$41.50. The following fairly indicates the position of the market at this date. An exchange says: So far as have been the prices of Old Rails for a few months past that parties having Old Rails to sell write to the officials of rolling mills as follows: "What will you give for a few thousand tons of Old Rails, providing they are not sold before your answer is received?" The rolling mill official answers: "I will give \$48 per ton if I don't change my mind before I hear from you."

Scrap Iron.—Is in fair demand, but about \$1 per ton lower. Cast, \$29 @ \$30; Wrought, \$40 @ \$41.

Nails.—Steady and unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10, 1880.

There has been a very active demand for Plate Iron to-day from shipbuilders, and two or three mills have entered orders for about 300 tons each. It is rumored that orders for several large iron steamships have been given out, but we cannot obtain particulars in time for to-day's mail. There is no doubt, however, that the shipbuilders are rapidly filling up with work, and will require large amounts of Plate Iron.

The following circular explains itself:

PHILADELPHIA, March 9, 1880.

I beg to inform you that I have been appointed the exclusive Agent of the Union Mining Company, for the sale of their celebrated Mount Savage Fire Brick, for the States of Pennsylvania (east of the Allegheny Mountains and including Johnstown), New Jersey and Delaware. The high reputation justly accorded to the Mount Savage Fire Brick, for excellency of quality, for more than 30 odd years, requires no commendation from me. I shall be happy to anticipate your requirements and to furnish full information upon receipt of specifications and drawings, and remain, yours, very respectfully,

EDWARD J. ETTING.

We also notice that Philip S. Justice has been appointed sole agent in the United States for the pure silica fire brick, made by the Landore Siemens Company. See advertisement on page 30.

PITTSBURGH.

(By Telegraph.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 10, 1880.

The Nail Manufacturers' Association held a meeting to-day and adjourned for one week without acting on prices. The roads in the West are in such a bad condition that it was thought best to defer action.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, 1
PITTSBURGH, PA., March 9, 1880.

There has been no particular change in the general business situation during the past week. While trade generally is not as active as it was in January, it is much better than it has been at this season for several years, and with the advent of good weather and improved roads business in all the various departments will no doubt pick up again. The labor troubles and numerous strikes have had a depressing influence in some branches of business, but the indications are that there will be no further trouble from this cause for the present.

Pig Iron.—There has been little change in the situation since our last report, with the exception that the volume of business was smaller than during any week since the lull set in, aggregating about 300 tons. With scarcely anything doing, and an occasional lot offered for sale, the market, as might be expected, is weak, but so far as we can learn, there is no disposition to make concessions on standard brands; undesirable and unknown brands might be bought at a reduction of \$1 or more per ton, but the fact of the matter is, there is very little iron to offer, as the furnaces in blast are nearly all sold ahead, and those out of blast cannot be started up until May or June for want of ore. As stated in our report of last week, some well-informed and observing operators are of the opinion that an improved demand is only a question of a little time; and while there are those who expect an improvement in prices when the present lull is broken, there are others who think values are as high as they are likely to go, although they do not expect any backward movement. Consumers for five weeks past have been drawing mainly on their stocks, having bought scarcely any during the time in question; and as the consumption is fully as large as it has been at any time since the "boom" was inaugurated, it follows that stocks in hands of consumers must be considerably reduced, and it is fair to infer, we think, that some of them will be in the market before long. Common Cold-short Irons appear to be weaker than any other kind, and may be quoted \$3 @ \$4 per ton off, as compared with the higher point. Good Neutrals are held at \$39 @ \$40, 4 mos.; all-ore Red Short, \$42 @ \$43; and No. 1 Bessemer, \$45; Cold Blast Charcoal Iron, \$60 @ \$65, the outside figure being demanded for Mecla.

Manufactured Iron.—While business is still a little slow, as compared with what it was prior to the lull which set in immediately after the last advance, the outlook is more encouraging, and it is confidently believed that, with some good weather and the roads improved so as to admit of wagon transportation in the country, the demand will soon pick up again. Already some manufacturers, both here and at Wheeling, report a decided improvement within the past week or two; that orders have commenced to come forward more fully, and that there is a firmer feeling being developed in regard to prices. The rumor given currency to by some of the papers here—that a reduction in the card was contemplated—has no foundation. The fact that the mills have been using up their cheap Pig Iron and will soon be obliged to replace at a much higher price, renders it pretty certain that full card rates will soon be exacted, and even now some makers are refusing to accept orders under a 4¢ base. Moreover, the enhanced cost of labor, coke, coal, &c., renders it much more likely that the market will stiffen rather than weaken.

Nails.—There has been no important change in the situation since our last report. We repeat former quotations, \$5.25, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash, with the usual abatement of 10¢ per keg on orders for 200 kegs and upward. The regular monthly meeting of the Western Nail Association takes place here to-morrow. Wheeling stocks are reported very much reduced, and there has been very little "piling up" in Pittsburgh as yet.

Horse and Mule Shoes.—There is a moderately fair business, but no change in prices.

Railway Spikes.—Remain unchanged at 4 1/2¢, 30 days.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—Prices are easier, and we now quote at 35 to 40¢ discount on Steam and Gas Pipe, with a fair business for the season. Boiler Tubes are held steady at 5 and 5¢ off here, but it is rumored that 15 to 20¢ off is being allowed away from here. Oil Well Casing and Tubing remain unchanged, 35¢, net, for the latter, and \$1 for the former.

Steel.—There is a continued good demand. The consumption of all kinds of American Merchant Steel appears to be steadily increasing, owing largely to its cheapness. Prices firm, but unchanged.

Muck Bar.—The market continues very dull, and prices are weak and nominal at \$60 @ \$63 per ton, according to quality.

Rails.—There is nothing doing hereabouts in Steel Rails, which may be attributed to the fact that the mills, being sold several months ahead, are not in condition to accept any contracts except for fall delivery, while the demand is for spring and summer delivery. The last sale, a small one, was at \$85, cash, at mill. In Old Iron Rails there have been no sales reported here for some time.

Scrap.—There has been nothing particularly new developed during the past week. Business continues rather slow, although about all that can be expected under existing circumstances, while prices remain unchanged. Old Car Wheels, \$50 @ \$53, gross; Machinery Metal, \$32 @ \$35, gross; Car Springs, \$45 @ \$48, net; Car Axles, \$55 @ \$57, net; ordinary No. 1 Wrought Scrap, \$40 @ \$42; Extra Selected do., \$44 @ \$45, net.

Window Glass.—The demand continues to increase as the season advances, and with very light stocks, none of our manufacturers having an assortment, prices continue strong, and even at the recent advance makers prefer small to large orders. While single strength is still quoted at 50¢ off in car-load lots; 40 and 10 appears to be the ruling rate.

Coke.—There seems to be no abatement in the demand for Coke, notwithstanding

the continued dullness in Pig Iron, and there is not, so far as we can learn, any weakening whatever in prices, which we continue to quote at \$3.50 @ \$4 per ton, deliverable free on cars at ovens. It is said that contracts have been made for future delivery at \$4.

Coal.—With continued good river navigation shipments are being made almost daily, and the consequence is that while the supply here in first hands is small, stocks in the down-river markets are large and increasing. The great proportion of the recent shipments go South. It is said that the river operators contemplate reducing the price of mining from 3 1/2¢ to 3¢ per bushel, and if the attempt is made a strike will, no doubt, be inaugurated.

Petroleum.—The situation continues very unsatisfactory for the producer, with but little prospect, apparently, of any immediate improvement. The production continues large and increasing, as is also the visible supply, while the consumption is light, as it always is at this season of the year. As a natural consequence, prices are weak and drooping. Certificates sold at low yesterday at 86%.

CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts.,
CHATTANOOGA, March 8, 1880.

The Iron market has been very quiet during the past week. Holders have not shown a disposition to concede, and buyers, especially consumers, have an idea that concessions must soon be made in order to sell. They are of opinion that a reaction from the highest rates has set in, and have been governing themselves accordingly. This state of affairs cannot last. Holders and consumers must soon come to an understanding or production of finished articles will seriously decline. The weather has been warm during the week, closing with a couple of days of dismal rain, with cool north and west winds. The streams are all full and boating business brisk.

Pig Iron.—The market is mostly nominal. Concessions from quotations would be necessary to sell any large lots of lower grades. Foundry continues fairly firm. We quote: Coke and Charcoal No. 1 Foundry, \$35 @ \$40; Gray Forge, \$35 @ \$37; White and Mottled, \$28 @ \$30; Car Wheel Metal, \$42.50 @ \$50.

Muck Bar, &c.—No Muck Bar in market. There is a small stock of Old Rails, all in possession of the mills. We quote them nominally as before. The high price of Scrap has had the effect to bring all the old iron in the country into market with a rush. Hence the bottom has fallen out. Wrought is not worth above \$25 @ \$28 for No. 1, a fall of \$10 @ \$12; inferior do., \$15 @ \$20; Cast Scrap we quote at \$15 @ \$20, according to quality. There will no doubt be a sharp advance in these articles, the demoralization being brought about entirely by a glut, which will hardly be possible to repeat for months to come.

Ores.—The supply is full and the market steady; no change. We quote: Brown Hematite, 50 @ 56¢ per ton, \$2 @ \$2.75 per ton; Red Fossil, \$2 @ \$2.25, on cars or on wharf from flat boats.

Nails.—Hold their own. We quote at \$5.25 rates, and a steady market.

Manufactured Iron.—The market for Bar is quiet, and in isolated instances concessions of a 1/4¢ have been made, though the cut has not been general enough to justify lowering our figures. All other articles are firm. We quote Bars at \$4 @ \$4.25, and fairly firm; Railroad Spikes, \$4.50; Track Bolts, \$5.50; Trestle Bolts, \$6; Fish Plates, \$4.

Coal.—There is a very light business in Lump. We quote run of mine to manufacturers at \$1.75 @ \$2; Lump, \$1.00 @ 1.20 per bushel, delivered.

Coke.—The supply of Coke is barely equal to the demand. Prices continue firm. We quote at \$3 for Furnace; Foundry, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

Steel and Iron Rails.—Steel Rails are nominal at \$85. Iron Rails, heavy sections, \$65 @ \$70; small T for miners' use, \$88 @ \$90.

BOSTON.

MARCH 6.—The market continues devoid of animation, and there is naturally more or less uncertainty and a strong pressure for lower prices all along the line. But so far as American Pig Iron is concerned, makers appear to be utterly unconcerned, and there are few, if any, who are willing to quote less than \$40 per ton for No. 1 X Iron at the furnace to-day. Our quotations, therefore, are based rather upon sales from second hands than upon prices at which iron can be bought from the furnaces and delivered at tide-water. We quote American Pig Iron, f. o. b. at the shipping port, at \$40 for No. 1 X, \$39 for No. 2 X, and \$38 @ \$39 for Gray Forge. The arrivals of foreign iron at this port the past week include: 200 tons per steamer Palestine, from Liverpool; 850 tons per ship St. Patrick, from Glasgow; 202 tons per steamer Iowa, from Liverpool; and 500 tons per steamer Waldensian, from Glasgow. Some local holders of Scotch Pig are as firm as ever, but sales are generally made on a basis of \$33 for Eglinton, \$34 for Gartsherrie, and \$35 for Coltness. Manufactured iron is in good demand, and the mill prices are generally firmly sustained. The competition of foreign iron and the uncertainty in regard to the Pig Metal exert more or less pressure on the market, however, and dealers have sold ordinary Refined Iron at concessions from the manufacturers' quotations of 3 1/4¢. The same is true of other classes of iron. The nail manufacturers are generally firm at the recent advance, but occasional sales are made from second hands at lower figures. Sales of 1000 kegs are reported at \$5.10, the manufacturers' price being \$5.30. Copper continues rather quiet, but values are very well sustained, and there is no stock available under 24¢, cash, and 24 1/4¢ for April and May delivery. Manufacturers are unchanged, and we quote Copper Sheathing at 32¢; Braziers at 34¢; Bolts, 34¢; Bottoms, 37¢; American Yellow Metal Sheathing, 17¢ @ 18¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 20¢; and English Yellow Metal Sheath-

ing at 14¢, in bond. Antimony is in good demand, and we continue to quote 21¢ @ 23¢. Lead is in moderate demand at prices which show no material change. We quote large lots of Pig at 6¢. We continue to quote manufactured as follows: Lead Pipe, 7 1/2¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 15¢; Bar Lead, 7¢; Sheet Lead, 8¢; Block-Tin Pipe, 40¢. All these are subject to the usual trade or 10% discount. Spelter shows very little change, and is generally held at 6 1/4¢ @ 7¢ for large lots. Tin continues dull and the market in favor of the buyer. We quote Straits at 22 1/4¢ @ 23¢ for large lots, Banca at 24 1/4¢, and English L. & J. at 22 1/4¢ @ 23¢.—Commercial Bulletin.

CINCINNATI.

Messrs. E. L. HARPER & Co., under date of March 8, write as follows: The tone of the market has been, on the whole, better than was anticipated. The week opened quiet, and promised to be as dull as any of the preceding; but toward the close considerable inquiry developed, and consumers seemed to purchase more freely. We hear of concessions made on sales of round lots of soft irons which come in competition with Scotch, but this seems to be the only class which has been at all pressing to sell. Hanging Rock Charcoal is well sustained, in view of small stocks and increased demand. Car-wheel Pig and Old Car Wheels are very firm, high grades of the former being difficult to obtain.

HOT-BLAST FOUNDRY.		4 MOS.
Hanging Rock C. C. No. 1.....	\$41.00 @	\$42.00
C. C. No. 2.....	41.00 @	42.00
Southern C. C.....	41.00 @	42.00
Strong Coke.....	39.00 @	40.00
Soft Stonecoal.....	38.00 @	39.00
No. 2.....	38.00 @	39.00
FORGE IRONS.		4 MOS.
Charcoal Gray Forge.....	\$41.00 @	\$42.00
Strong Neutral Coke.....	39.00 @	40.00
Cold-Short.....	35.00 @	37.00
CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE.		4 MOS.
Hanging Rock.....	60.00 @	62.00
Southern.....	54.00 @	57.00
Salsbury.....	65.00 @	67.00
Old Car Wheels.....	53.00 @	55.00

LOUISVILLE.

Messrs. GEO. H. HULL & Co., under date of March 6, write us as follows: The market is dull and lower in price. Furnaces generally are holding iron firmly, but speculative lots are being offered at concessions, and the market is depressed accordingly. We revise quotations as below:

FOUNDRY IRONS.		
No. 1 Hanging Rock, Charcoal.....	\$41.00 @	\$42.00
No. 2.....	40.00 @	41.00
No. 1 Southern, Charcoal.....	39.00 @	40.00
No. 2.....	38.00 @	39.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal and Coke.....	39.00 @	40.00
No. 2.....	38.00 @	39.00
No. 1 Southern, Stonecoal and Coke.....	39.00 @	40.00
No. 2.....	38.00 @	39.00
"American Scotch".....	38.00 @	39.00
Silver Gray.....	38.00 @	39.00
Scotch.....	38.00 @	39.00
MILL IRONS.		
No. 1 Charcoal, Cold-short and Neut'l.....	38.00 @	39.00
No. 1 Stonecoal and Coke, Cold-short and Neut'l.....	37.00 @	38.00
No. 2 Stonecoal and Coke, Cold-short and Neut'l.....	36.00 @	37.00
No. 1 Missouri and Indiana Red-short.....	42.00 @	44.00
White and Mottled, Cold-short and Neut'l.....	33.00 @	34.00
CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS.		
Hanging Rock, Cold-blast.....	58.00 @	62.00
Alabama and Georgia, Cold-blast.....	55.00 @	58.00
Kentucky, Cold-blast.....	48.00 @	55.00

W. B. BELKNAP & Co., Iron and Steel merchants, Nos. 113 and 115 West Main street, report to us as follows, under date of March 6: The lull mentioned in our last report has developed into a feeling of positive uneasiness, and prices for Bar are badly shaken. New York holders are offering English Bars at a price which, with freight added, would put them in this market at about the published mill rate. Mills which a few weeks since declined orders because booked a month ahead, are now soliciting. If speculators conclude that it is a good time to unload, the decline may be still further accelerated. It will have the good effect to demand trade to its legitimate channels, and to discourage outsiders from loading up for a rise. A lower price will go to stimulate consumption again, which has received a severe check from wild advances, and we shall see a steadier tone to the market. The country is undeniably prosperous and the consumptive demand large. The trouble has arisen from yielding too eagerly to the bull movement. That the 4¢ card was a mistake will be admitted on all hands, and the whole trade must now pay for the folly of a few. It is to be hoped that the price will go down and stay where it will discourage importations. While every port is being filled up with foreign iron, it is useless to declare that there can be no surplus.

ST. LOUIS.

Messrs. CARD & HOFFER, Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 417 Pine street, write as follows, under date of March 6: There has been no material change in either prices of Pig Iron or condition of market. We quote:

HOT-BLAST CHARCOAL.		
Missouri.....	\$48.00 @	\$50.00
Southern.....	42.00 @	43.00
Hanging Rock.....	45.00 @	47.00
COKE AND COAL.		
Missouri.....	None offering	
Southern.....	40.00 @	42.00
Ohio.....	40.00 @	42.00
MILL IRONS.		
Cold-short.....	36.00 @	39.00
Red-short.....	40.00 @	45.00
CAR WHEEL IRONS.		
Missouri.....	55.00 @	60.00
Southern.....	55.00 @	57.00
Ohio.....	60.00 @	65.00
IRON ORE.		
Ore for flux.....	12.00 @	15.00
For furnace.....	8.00 @	10.00
Brown Hematite—no market for them here.		

BALTIMORE.

R. C. HOFFMAN & Co., Iron and Commission Merchants, report the Pig Iron market as follows under date of March 8: The iron market for the past week has been quiet. The demand for good grades of iron keeps fully up to the supply, while inferior

or not well-known brands are neglected. We quote prices about as follows:

Baltimore Charcoal Wheel Iron.....	\$38.00 @	60.00
Virginia.....	39.00 @	60.00
Anthracite No. 1.....	40.00 @	42.00
No. 2.....	39.00 @	41.00
No. 3.....	38.00 @	39.00
Mottled and White.....	36.00 @	37.00
Charcoal C. B. Blooms.....	35.00 @	100.00
Billets.....	35.00 @	99.00

W. N. WYATT, Iron and Steel Merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports us the following, under date of March 8: Business for the past week has ruled somewhat more quiet, with stocks being more freely offered at shaded figures. Other than this there has been no change.

Ref. Bar Iron, 1 to 6 by 3/4 to 1.....	\$ 38.10 @	47
" 10 to 12 by 1 1/2 to 2.....	38.10 @	47
" 2 1/2 to 3, Round.....	38.10 @	47
and Square.....	38.10 @	47
Hoop Iron, 1 1/2 wide and upward.....	4 1/2 @	5 1/2
Band Iron, from 1 1/2 to 4 in. wide.....	4 1/2 @	5 1/2
Horse-shoe Iron.....	4 1/2 @	5 1/2
Norway Nail Rods.....	6 1/2 @	6 1/2
Black Diamond Cast Steel.....	13 1/2 @	14 1/2
Machinery Steel.....	9 @	9 1/2
Cast Spring Steel.....	9 @	9 1/2
Common Horse Nails.....	9 @	14 1/2
Perkins' Horse shoes, 1/2 keg of 100 lbs.....		
" Mule shoes.....		
Putnam Horse Nails.....	\$ 21 @	22 1/2
Globe Horse Nails.....	20 @	21 1/2
Railroad Spikes.....	4 1/2 @	4 1/2
Less list discount to the trade.		

NEW ORLEANS.

Messrs. MINNIGERODE & BERL, dealers in Railway Supplies, 61 St. Charles street, write as follows, under date of March 5: Our market has continued practically stationary for the past week. The wharves show unusual activity, large importations of foreign iron having been received. The arrivals of Scotch Pig, especially, appear to have come with a rush, and are, as a rule, the purchases of six weeks to two months ago. As far as we can learn, the bulk of these importations is already placed; but we know of several large consignments, both of Pig and Old Rails, going into bond, which indicates that holders look for better prices than can now be obtained. It costs \$1.50 @ \$2 per ton to store such consignments in bond, if only for a month. This is owing to the fact that the past long period of depression, during which all importation of metals ceased, rendered the bonded warehouses very unprofitable properties, and the few warehouses now remaining bonded are, for the most part, distant from the wharves, necessitating two drayages when cargoes are put into and taken out of bond. The market for Finished Iron shows no decline, though consumers appear to be buying meagerly. The country demand for supplies is fair, and may be considered as good for this season. The importations of English Bars for the past two weeks have amounted to 8000 lbs. In the matter of Rails, we hear of a sale of 4000 tons English 50s at \$82, ex ship Galveston. We also have to report a sale of 700 tons English 35s at \$66, f. o. b. New Orleans. Old Rails are weaker, and are offered at \$42 @ \$43 for future delivery. Wrought Scrap has declined somewhat, in sympathy with Old Rails, though holders are firm in their views. A brisk demand for all railroad material is anticipated in this State and Texas during the coming season. The general prosperity of the country is nowhere more apparent than in this section, where fine crops of cotton and sugar at remunerative prices have given a buoyancy and activity to business not known for years.

RICHMOND.

Mr. ASA SNYDER, Iron Merchant and Furnace Agent, writes as follows under date of March 8: Business is chiefly done on small orders. Large manufacturers are off the market. The market is fairly represented by the following quotations:

Scotch Pig Iron.....	35.00 @	38.00
American Scotch Pig Iron.....	41.00 @	43.00
American No. 1.....	39.00 @	41.00
No. 2.....	38.00 @	40.00
No. 3.....	37.00 @	39.00
Mottled and White.....	35.00 @	37.00
Cold-blast Charcoal.....	42.00 @	46.00
Warm-blast Charcoal.....	42.00 @	46.00
Old Rails.....	40.00 @	41.00
Wrought Scrap No. 1.....	36.00 @	38.00
Cast Scrap Machinery.....	28.00 @	30.00
Richmond Refined Bar Iron, Standard.....	62.00 @	64.00

are withholding their specifications under the avowed impression that prices will shortly fall, while others display an equally strong desire to place their orders on the best terms at present obtainable, lest they should be caught by another rise in prices. In this way matters are largely stationary, neither producers nor dealers being willing to make concessions of any importance, and neither side being in a position to enforce their views. That being the case, it is clearly difficult for any one to forecast the probabilities of the trade just ahead. One man may fairly claim to see as far into a brick wall as another, however, and I shall therefore venture to hazard the supposition that, whatever may be the fluctuations during the remaining portion of this quarter, we shall begin the second quarter of the year in a stronger and more sanguine manner than has hitherto been evinced. In putting forward this opinion I do so with some diffidence, and with a due sense of all the circumstances and surroundings of the case. I believe events will justify the idea, nevertheless, because a careful survey of the situation convinces me that almost all the outside markets are gradually experiencing the effects of the trade revival which was first seen in the United States and then in Great Britain. We may take it for granted, I presume, that your competition with us in this and most other foreign markets is likely to be on an extremely limited scale for some time to come, even if you do not aid us further by buying our manufactures for your own use on a more or less considerable scale. On the Continent of Europe the course of commercial events is plainly and unmistakably running in our favor. All our iron-making competitors are actively engaged, many of them, indeed, having already more commissions on hand than they are likely to get through prior to midsummer. This is the tenor of our advices from France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria. Admitting the bulk of these statements (which do not reach us from one or two isolated or prejudiced sources, but universally and beyond question) it follows, as a matter of indubitable certainty, that our active competitors are all well employed. They are, in fact, so busy in many instances that their prices for their own works are higher than our own. Following out this train of reasoning, the query naturally arises as to the whereabouts and nature of the competition we are likely to meet with for the additional wants of the world during the next few months. The producing powers of our competitors are everywhere and in all respects immeasurably less than our own (I leave your makers out of this comparison), and such as they are, those capacities are even now said to be taxed almost to the utmost. Our manufacturing capabilities are not by any means overstrained. We are busy, but we have a tremendous reserve, upon which we have not yet drawn. The inference, then, is that we and we alone are able and willing to meet the new demand as it may arise up to midsummer at all events. So long as our prices are lower than, or even level with, those of the Continent, it is certain that we shall receive the surplusage of orders which they cannot accept. Will that overflow take place? Personally, I think it will. Our foreign and colonial advices are improving every mail, especially from South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. I myself have seen inquiries from Belgium during the past week for very large lots of cannon and hematite pigs, ferromanganese, merchant iron, and rolling Bessemer sheets, wire, and plates. If Belgium has to come here for those goods it is pretty clear that the home manufacturers are unable to supply favorable terms. Germany is rapidly rising to the level of our prices, all the iron and steel works being full of orders from America and their own consumers. The French works are everywhere active, and every day witnesses advances in makers' prices. Putting all these things and their collaterals together, I have arrived at the inference mentioned above, and I await what the French term the "development of events" to prove or disprove the idea. I freely admit that our own market has about it many elements of weakness, some of which can scarcely be eradicated or alleviated for several months to come, but I am still of the same opinion, my impression being that what we may lack at home will be more than supplied from without, always provided your market maintains the good status which has marked it thus far in the present year. Any notable falling off on your side would, without doubt, be immediately felt here and on the Continent in an unfavorable sense, while any material reduction of your tariff would be equally certain to affect us in the opposite direction. Speaking of tariff matters reminds me that the progress of the steel rail measure before your Ways and Means Committee is being watched with deep concern by everybody interested in our Bessemer trades. There are, I dare say, few who venture to hope that the bill will emerge from the House in such a shape as to afford any sensible relief to our manufacturers, but there is a warmly-expressed hope and expectation that the reports of the discussions will do much to "open the eyes" of your general public to the inequalities and (an) "iniquities" of the existing tariff, and so pave the way for broader and more sweeping measures of reform in the future. Our latest intelligence as to the rail duties is that the committee is likely to recommend a reduction from \$28 to \$20 per ton, but the Washington cablegram which gives this intimation does not afford any information as to the likelihood or otherwise of the proposal being carried. We are also curious as to the other tariff "suggestions" affecting iron ore, pig iron, &c., but, speaking generally, very few persons suppose that much will be done in the way of free-trade legislation by your present House of Representatives. The result, therefore, will, in any eventuality, be accepted as an agreeable surprise.

SCOTCH PIG IRON

has undergone a variety of changes in both directions during the week, but, on the whole, a large amount of business has been done, buyers being evidently under the impression that, as compared with Cleveland and other brands, Scotch pigs are not unduly dear at their present figures. That is

stated to be the view of many shrewd men who are purchasing for an early rise, in spite of the not very favorable current advices from your market. The output has not been further enlarged since my last letter, 111 furnaces being still the number in operation. The stock in Connal's stores, however, has increased to 44,536 tons, an addition of 2594 tons during the week. Shipments are relatively small, but they are heavier than at the corresponding date of last year. The total increase to date has been 31,627 tons. Ballast pig has gone up 57/6 and 60/ per ton, according to John E. Swan & Bros. (Limited), whose circular also shows that the imports from Middlesbrough into Scotland have been comparatively augmented to the extent of 14,703 tons. Writing from Glasgow, on Feb. 20, James Watson & Co. said: "Since the date of our last there has been considerable fluctuation in the price of Scotch warrants, with a large speculative business transacted. On Monday the price varied between 70/10½ and 69/½, closing at 69/6 per ton. On Tuesday the price fluctuated between 69/9, 70/4½ and 69/3, cash, while on Wednesday the market was flat, with business from 69/4½ to 68/4½ per ton. Yesterday the price further receded from 68/ to 67/4½ per ton, closing at 67/9, cash, and to-day the market opened weak, with transactions from 67/3 to 66/10½ per ton, afterward steadily improving to 67/9 per ton, at which it closes rather sellers. The demand for shipping brands has been quieter this week, with a relapse in prices. The shipments last week were 10,617 tons, as compared with 7272 tons for the corresponding week of 1879." We quote:

	No. 1.	No. 3.
G. M. B. at Glasgow	71/6	66/6
Garriherrie	80/	70/
Coltness	80/6	71/
Summerlee	81/	68/
Langloan	80/	69/
Carbroe	80/	68/
Culter, at Port Dundas	80/	68/
Glengarnock, at Ardrossan	80/	68/
Eglinton	74/6	66/6
Dalmellington	74/6	66/6
Shotts at Leith	80/	71/6

CLEVELAND PIG IRON

is exceptionally steady in all respects, in contradistinction to the vacillation and uncertainty which characterizes the Scotch market. The production is still seen to be under rather than over the consumptive demand, and there are evidences that the latter is likely to increase rather than diminish. Shipments from Middlesbrough have latterly averaged over 2600 tons daily of pig iron and above 600 tons of manufactured iron. To the United States a few new shipments of pig iron are being made, but the heavy freights, 17/6 to 20/ per ton, are against the promotion of the trade on a large scale. Probably the shipments will be made indirectly, as London freights to United States ports can be had at from 9/6 to 11/ per ton, sail or steam. Current quotations for G. M. B. Cleveland pigs, delivered f. o. b. at makers' wharves in the Tees are as follows, net cash:

No. 1 Foundry	No. 4 Forge
70/	64/
66/	60/
63/	57/
62/6	56/

All net cash, delivered f. o. b. at makers' wharves in the Tees.

The common bars of the locality are £8 @ £8. 10/; angles, £8. 10/ @ £8. 15/; and plates, £9. 10/ per ton.

THE WIRE TRADE

seems to be one of the most prosperous of our industries at the present time. The manufacture of the various kinds of this useful article is, as you may be aware, principally located at and near Warrington, Manchester, Sheffield in Shropshire, and at Birmingham, the leading makers being Rylands Bros., Richard Johnson & Nephew, the Whitcross Wire Co., the Hope Iron and Wire Co., the Warrington Wire Co. (all in or near Warrington), Rollason & Co., Cornforth & Co., Edleston & Williams, Jenkins & Co., Horsfall & Sons (all of near Birmingham), Charles Cammell & Co., Mackinder & Co., W. Cooke & Co., Firth & Sons, Jessop & Sons, and others at Sheffield; Cookes & Swinerton, and the Barrow Co. at Barrow, and various concerns in Shropshire. For some years past, the competition of the German manufacturers had been extremely severe; indeed, in certain gauges the home producers had virtually ceased to offer anything like a veritable competition, and the Westphalian makers had matters pretty much their own way. Even in Birmingham itself, where there is a good deal of wireworking done, the foreign wire met with a large consumption, and it could not be denied that its quality for most ordinary purposes was as good as was necessary. Toward the end of last year a change began to be apparent. The invading foreigner was observed to be unable to hold his own and to hesitate. The English manufacturers advanced their prices twice over, yet they still maintained their position, and it was presently ascertained that the importers of the Continental wire could neither obtain present supplies nor promise early deliveries. The situation is still much the same, and the English makers are "masters of the ditch." The leading houses again advanced their prices last week—iron wire and staples 20/ per ton. The new rates of Rylands Bros. make B B drawn fencing, £6 @ £10; W G, £12. 5/ @ £19; rolled disk plain, £11. 10/ @ £12. 10/; or galvanized, £14. 15/ @ £15. 15/; B B drawn galvanized telegraph wire, £18. 10/ @ £22. 10/. Other sorts in proportion.

AT SHEFFIELD

the heavy branches are in a most satisfactory condition, as is clearly evinced by the circumstance that every department of the great Atlas Works of John Brown & Co., Limited, is now in operation, although there is not as yet sufficient surplus work to justify the restarting of the branch establishment at Swinton, where tires were the chief product in former times. In armor, tires, axles, buffers, wire and plates the outlook is now very heavy, both at the Atlas and the Cyclops Works of Charles Cammell & Co. All the local rail mills are busy, especially those of Cammells, Samuel Fox & Co., Steel, Tozer & Hampton and Wilson & Cammell's. Of bar, plate and hoop iron the district is producing a large quantity—prominently so at the Parkgate, Midland and Northfield works. At one establishment a strike of molders has been in existence for

several weeks (without any notice of the fact appearing in the local newspaper), the consequence being that the firm have had to refuse orders. These men had never been very badly off, but no sooner had the revival set in than they struck for a rise of 20 per cent. In the crucible-steel branches there is a considerable amount of work in hand. William Jessop & Sons are about to reopen their old works in the Park, which at one time used to be their headquarters. Firth & Sons, Francis Hobsons, Wardlaw and other well-known houses are also busier on American orders. For good cutlery there is a steady call in a general sense, while a few firms, who need not be specified in detail here, are sending very large lots across to your market. Electro-plate is somewhat quiet, although two or three leading concerns have heavy orders on hand. In files, saws and edge tools the inquiry is decidedly better.

FROM BIRMINGHAM

it is reported that the lull which has made itself apparent in the demand for heavy goods and their near allies is to some extent being counterbalanced by greater activity in the lighter branches of the hardware trades, such as brass founding, buttons, tinplates, toys and the like. The extra business in these latter branches arises in a great measure from the renewed prosperity of the North of England and Scotland, aided by the opening of the London season. The foreign and colonial demand is also on an enlarged scale, almost all our recent advices from the East of Europe, the West Indies, South America, the Cape, Natal and the Australian colonies being hopeful in tone, with good orders. Trade with Ireland is necessarily dull and must remain so while the west of that country is in its present deplorably distressed condition.

BESSEMER AND RAIL PRODUCTION.

In a recent issue I gave a list of the Bessemer and rail works of Great Britain, together with some particulars of their capacities and probable production during the present year. That list was practically accurate, although it is quite possible that some of the estimated figures were more or less inaccurate. I have since received details of the principal Bessemer works on the Continent of Europe, and now append them. In Germany proper there are 19 such establishments with 73 converters, of which Krupp at Essen possesses 18. The works are:

PRUSSIA.	Converters.
Königsbütte, Upper Silesia	4
Phenick	3
Hermannsbütte, Hoerde	3
Hösch, Dortmund	3
Union, Dortmund and Hattingen	4
Bochum, Westphalia	3
Neu Bochum, Westphalia	7
Krupp, Essen	18
Gute Hoffnungsbütte, Oberhausen	4
Phenick, Ruhrort	3
Rheinische, Meiderich	3
Pönsing and Gieschere, Düsseldorf	2
Rothe Erde, Aix-la-Chapelle	2
Steinbäuser Hütte, Witten	2

SAKONY.	Converters.
Königin Marienhütte, Zwickau	4
Maxhütte, Regensburg	3
Gienanth Bros, Garmisch	3
BAVARIA.	Converters.
Dietrich & Co., Niederbrunn	2
De Wendel & Co., Bayreuth	2

Total..... 78
The yearly make of Bessemer pig in the empire reaches 150,000 tons, but the production of steel rails alone is over 250,000 tons, the difference being made up by the importation of ores and pigs from Spain, France, England, &c. The make of iron rails ranges from 230,000 to 240,000 tons per annum. In France there are only 23 steel manufacturing establishments, some of these being devoted to Siemens and the cementation processes of the leading works.

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Of Spain, Norway, &c., nothing need be said, but these data (for some of which I am indebted to Mr. Jeane's work on "Steel") will show the previously furnished, should enable you to form some idea of the rail making capacities of the principal countries.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Monteur des Indes et Matériels.)

PARIS, Feb. 22, 1880.—Metals.—Business in general has continued to improve, favored by finer weather. Metals have, for the most part, however, been dull and weak. Copper has remained

drooping here. We quote Chili Bars, 187.50 francs the 100 kilos; Common ditto, 185; Ingots and Slabs, 195; Best Selected, 197.50; and pure Cororo Ore, 187.50. At Marseilles, Copper has also declined, but recovered a little toward the close. They quote Spanish in slabs, 165; Red Tokat, 170; small Refined Ingots, 185.50; Sheathing, 200.50; Bolts, 210, and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 190. Tin is still tending downward here; we quote English, 262.50, and all other sorts, 257.50. There is much weakness too at Marseilles, where they quote Banca and English, 265, and Straits and Bilton, 260. Lead is firm here at 48 for Spanish and English, and 48.50 for other sorts. Marseilles also shows considerable strength at 44.50 for Soft, and 47 for 52 for Manufactured. Sulfur.—This metal evinces increased firmness everywhere. We quote the same 56 here, and Sheet Zinc, 70. At Marseilles, Sheet Zinc is worth 65, 65.50, and Old Spelter, in slabs, 40 @ 44. Iron.—The iron markets in France are as firm as ever. The price of 24 francs for Merchant Iron and 25 for special is maintained. The nail makers have had a meeting at Paris a couple of days ago, a general advance of 15 % having been resolved upon on the occasion. In the Haute-Marne the forges have a heap of business upon them, but fresh commands are coming forward freely. They quote Coke Iron 240 @ 250, and mixed No. 20, 260 @ 270. We had announced as impending an advance of 20 francs on Axles; the producers of common Axles in the north have raised them from 250 to 270 francs. In the Ardennes the improvement has not been interrupted since January 1. Merchant there has, from 18 francs on December 27, risen to 24, present, but for the competition from the Northern departments it would be 25 instead. Heavy hardware has risen 25 @ 30 % in two months. In the Meurthe and Moselle Affinage Pig is in good request at about 115 francs per ton. The Longwy Iron Company quotes: No. 1, 125; No. 2, 120; No. 3, 115; No. 4, 112, and No. 5, 112. In the Northern department and the Pas-de-Calais the improvement is making some progress, and is coming forward with additional strength. Common Merchant Iron is quoted in those localities 240 francs the ton. The Rolling Stock Company has caused to be built at St. Ouen a large factory for the construction of the many cars the company have engaged to deliver. The owners of the forges of the Sambre, Moutataire, St. Irene and Viveux districts met at Valenciennes for the purpose of endorsing the quotation of 24 francs for Merchant Iron, previously fixed by various works. Coal.—There has been but little, if any, change in the aspect of the Coal markets in this country, the obstacles to transportation not yet having been removed. At the North and in the Pas-de-Calais prices remain firm, orders arriving with great regularity. At St. Etienne the holidays have caused some falling off in the quantities dispatched; the situation there, however, remains favorable to holders.

BELGIUM.

(Revue Universelle.)

BRUSSELS, Feb. 22, 1880.—Iron.—No further advance can be reported from here, but the Belgian markets remain as firm as heretofore. The demand for iron for building purposes is on the increase. Accounts from neighboring countries assist materially in lending strength to the situation here, and Scotch and English Pig Iron remains firm. Luxembourg and Longwy sell their stock with ease under heavy engagements. In Luxembourg the Rumelange Iron Company has been started again, and will have its first blast furnace blown in by August or September. In Lorraine an effort is being made to revive the Mazieres furnaces, which have been idle ever since they were built. In Belgium a great many furnaces will be blown in gradually, but it takes some time ere they are all in operation; once more, and in the meantime ironmasters find no difficulty in upholding the price of 10.50 francs for good Affinage Pig. Both at Liege and at Charleroi, Athus quotes 10 francs; at the furnaces Moulage Pig is held at 10.50 for No. 5, at Charleroi, and at 10 francs at Athus. Old Rails are quoted 150 francs at the works; Merchant No. 1, 25; No. 1, basic; Iron Rails, 25 @ 25; Beams, 25; Steel Rails are obtainable at 260. Coal.—There is no important change at Charleroi, where Coal for industrial purposes sells at 10 @ 14 francs, according to quality. At Mons the price of 15 francs is quoted for ordinary Coke, and 35 for Washed.

GERMANY.

(Borsenhalles.)

HAMBURG, Feb. 22, 1880.—Metals.—The iron situation remains as strong as ever. At Dortmund the iron and steel works are as busy as ever; most of them have got orders far into the latter half of the year, and some have sold ahead their entire production to the end of 1880. Pig iron, in spite of the continual blowing in of fresh furnaces, remains very much wanted. A pleasing sign is, furthermore, the increased work at the steam boiler and machine shops. There is great pressure for speedy delivery there, and hardly space left in the shops to finish the goods nearly ready for delivery. The foundries have also got their share of work. Hollow-ware manufacturers have increased their price 2 marks the 100 kilos, and enamelled ditto, 4 marks. Rolling mills and steel works have raised their 5 marks, and small hardware manufacturers 20 @ 25 %. Bessemer Steel Rails have been advanced 10 marks the 100 kilos. Pig and Merchant Iron are stationary for the moment, but firm. Small manufacturers, locksmiths, retail hardware dealers, &c., do not yet report any appreciable revival, but this will come with the general rise in prices. Thus far the entire revival, coming from abroad, has had its effect on the leading industrial establishments mainly; by degrees it will penetrate into the humbler channels. The prospect of higher iron duties in Russia is much deplored in this country. Copper.—We have remained dull but steady here on the basis of 80 marks the 50 kilos for Drouthim. Lead is unaltered. Tin.—There has been great irregularity here, with a better feeling toward the close, but closing quietly. The range is now 100 @ 104 marks. Lead is firm at 10.50 @ 11.50 marks here for Pig, and 11.50 @ 12.50 for Sheet and Pipe. Specimens of the latter remain firm at 21, spot and to arrive. At Beslau, Common has risen from 20.35 @ 20.70.

HOLLAND.

(Koch & Tienboom.)

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 19, 1880.—Tin.—This metal is still declining. There are no buyers, and prices cannot be upheld any longer. The consequence has been quite a break down from 57 guilders the 100 kilos, to 55.25 @ 55.50 for both Banca and Bilton. Consumers confine their purchases to a minimum.

AUSTRIA.

(Austrian Trade Journal.)

VIENNA, Feb. 22, 1880.—There has sprung up, all of a sudden, quite a demand for iron from the machine shops and other works. The railroads have also given large orders for material. The machinery demand is likely to remain steady for some time to come. Locomotive tenders and cars have been largely ordered for the Northern, Western and Aussig-Teplitz railroads. The Austrian locomotive works are now also executing orders for the Hungarian government lines. The Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company are building iron steamers at Trieste, and order iron and steel sheets. Iron has not advanced any further in the meantime, but the rolling mills will soon raise their rates. Manufacturers of axles have raised their prices 1.50 florins; the previous advance, which still took place in the old year, was 3 florins. The directors of the Southern Italian Railroad, at Florence, stand in need, for their line, of 10,000 tons Bessemer Rails, tenders to be made to them forthwith, deliverable late in the fall of 1880 and in 1881. The Upper Italian line will want 2000. They have requested the Styrian-Carinthian rail mills to hand in their tenders. The Inneberg Company are reported as having made a magnificent sale of White Pig Iron, 3000 tons, at 60 florins per ton, and stand in need, for their line, of 10,000 tons Bessemer Rails, tenders to be made to them forthwith, deliverable late in the fall of 1880 and in 1881. The Upper Italian line will want 2000. They have requested the Styrian-Carinthian rail mills to hand in their tenders. The Inneberg Company are reported as having made a magnificent sale of White Pig Iron, 3000 tons, at 60 florins per ton, and stand in need, for their line, of 10,000 tons Bessemer Rails, tenders to be made to them forthwith, deliverable late in the fall of 1880 and in 1881. 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We have now obtained three separate decrees against three different manufacturers, and shall continue to prosecute all infringers. When the manufacturers are able to pay the damages we shall in no case trouble dealers, but when manufacturers are unable to pay we must ask the dealers to remunerate us, else responsible dealers might combine with irresponsible makers to render worthless the most valuable patents. Any reasonable man can see the point, and we have before given all dealers sufficient notice.

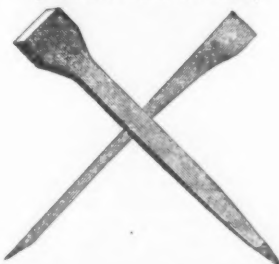
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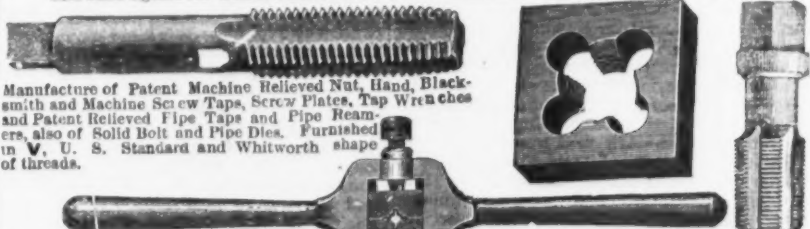
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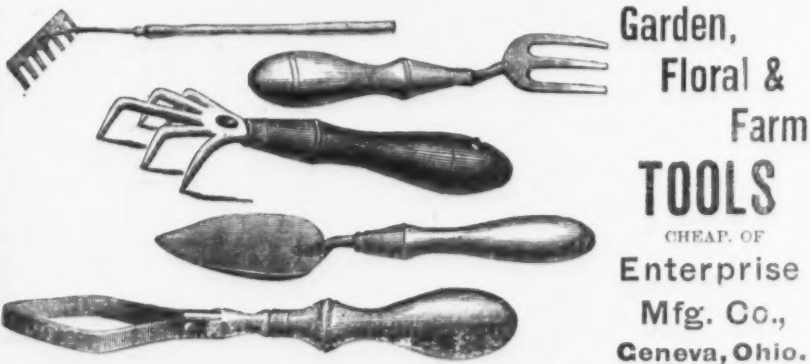
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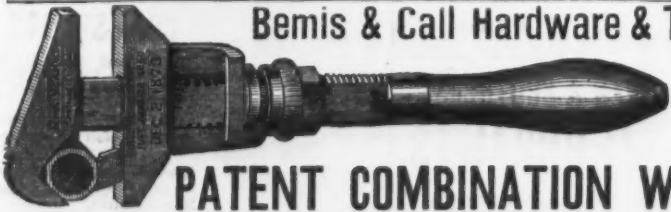
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Late Advice from Brazil.

A gentleman representing about 50 leading American manufacturers has just returned from Brazil after an absence of several months. He conferred with Consul-General Adamson with reference to our commercial relations with Brazil, mingled freely with the people, and had the best opportunities for gaining reliable information. In a conversation with an *Iron Age* reporter he promised by saying that it is easier at the present time to talk of the difficulties that environ our trade than of the encouragements. In the first place the ground is fully occupied by foreign importers, English and German, who are fortified by all the capital required, and have on the spot a working force of efficient men. They know the language of the country and the wants of the people. At present there are scarcely any Americans in the trade who command equal facilities. Our merchants in New York generally demand payment in cash before shipping their goods, whereas their rivals grant long credits, and instead of being on the spot in direct communication with merchants who receive and distribute the goods, Americans keep aloof from the consumers, doing business from a distance.

For a proper understanding of the Brazil situation it is necessary that we study the character of the people, who are thoroughly Portuguese, both in language and tradition. The Portuguese founded a colony at Bahia about 350 years ago, in the course of their maritime discoveries, and built their houses in the prevailing Portuguese style. The same structures exist to-day, and others now building are just like them. Again, as stated to our informant by an old missionary resident, an enterprising New Englander attempted the experiment of growing coffee in Brazil. He hired a plantation on a 10-years' lease, and introduced modern machinery. This was four or five years ago. He commenced with an American plow, the first used in that region. Presently the owner appeared and ordered him to desist, as such an exhaustive process of cultivation had never been contemplated in granting the lease. With such a people, when they are approached by merchants who have goods to sell, the first question is, "Have you something that we know?" It is never, "Have you something better or cheaper than we are now using?"

Notwithstanding these ancient prejudices, very much has been accomplished in a few lines of goods, after untiring labor and a large outlay of capital. An American has for many years enjoyed almost a monopoly in coffee-hulling machinery in Brazil, but this success is due to his remarkable persistence and willingness to spend money, traveling, disseminating knowledge and showing how to use the machine. The agent of one of our leading sewing machine companies spent four years in hard labor and \$40,000 in money before he established a trade; but ever since he has been rewarded by a ready demand and a decided preference for his goods.

An enterprising Englishman, a few years ago, took a few of our American cooking stoves to Rio, but found no market; nor could he induce any dealers to buy. He then employed a man to go around among the restaurants, hotels and large households, obtaining consent for a trial of the stoves, nothing more. His first experience was amusing, for after explaining the use of this novelty he revisited his newly formed acquaintances several times, finding in some cases that they were kindling fires in the ovens, or that small fires were built under each of the pot-holes. Often they failed to comprehend the use of the dampers. But, finally, these adult children became properly trained and were glad to purchase the stoves at a high price. Stoves are now in use in various parts of the empire, going far into the country. It is understood that some of these goods more recently ordered are cast in parts, so as to admit of easy transportation on the backs of mules. These incidents serve to illustrate what may be accomplished in many articles now manufactured in the United States. Can we expect to break through the fossil shells of Portuguese habits and create a general market for our goods? The answer is, we can compete successfully with all rivals by adopting means such as they employ, not only putting in labor and capital, but practically demonstrating the superior worth and real utility of the merchandise offered.

In one thing there has been a grand mistake. Large amounts of money have been wasted because our manufacturers were ignorant of the fact that Brazil is a Portuguese and not a Spanish country. Money has been thrown away in worthless advertising, because no more intelligible to the ordinary Brazilian than the Greek kalends. So, too, of unprincipled agencies. The prevailing ignorance cannot be better shown than by an alleged correspondent of a Boston newspaper, who professes to instruct American readers thus: "Now comes the chief point. Let these men (agents) thoroughly learn the Spanish language before they go there." It is certain this writer never saw the country he speaks of, and has read about it to very little purpose.

On the whole, as our informant remarked, Americans may be said to be steadily gaining in their commercial relations with Brazil. The successful introduction of one class of goods leads to further successes; and the American steamship line, by facilitating correspondence and an interchange of commodities, affords opportunities that should be improved. The disposition of the people and the government toward the people of the United States, moreover, is most cordial. Americans are readily received into their confidence.

A New German Trade Paper.—It has frequently been a matter of surprise to those noting the development of trade journalism in England and in this country, that the interests of the German iron, metal and hardware trades have so long remained without representation. There are many strictly scientific and exclusively commercial papers, but the important field between the two has been entirely neglected. The *Eisenzeitung*, a journal the first numbers of which have

just been issued by Herr Wilhelm Kirchner, proposes to fill the gap. Herr Kirchner is favorably known in industrial circles in the capital of the German Empire, and as he intends to follow closely and report faithfully American progress, the establishment of his journal may lead to a wider and more general appreciation in Germany of our methods of working and our manufactures.

The East River Bridge.

At a meeting of the trustees of the East River Bridge held on March 1, Secretary Quintard read reports that show the expenses in January to have been \$21,456, and in February, \$48,744.47, and the total receipts and expenditures down to February 1, 1890, to have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
From the city of New York, prior to June 9, 1875.....	\$1,500,000.00
Since June 9, 1875.....	2,350,000.00
From the city of Brooklyn, prior to June 9, 1875.....	3,000,000.00
Since June 9, 1875.....	4,368,966.67
From rents.....	133,445.95
Interest.....	47,230.37
Horses and harness sold.....	2,700.00
Material sold.....	73,182.58
Wharfage.....	3,887.46
Scows sold.....	5,597.90
Total.....	\$11,483,979.93
EXPENSES.	
For engineers' salaries, &c.....	\$370,750.60
Office expenses, salaries.....	126,081.45
Timber and lumber.....	221,742.50
Construction.....	1,853,358.36
Contingent expenses.....	53,388.98
Rent.....	68,287.50
Tools.....	20,704.63
Labor.....	1,750,771.28
Machinery.....	134,378.88
Freight, cartage and towage.....	31,085.52
Printing and advertising.....	11,308.57
Land, land damages and buildings.....	3,139,879.61
Limestone.....	66,804.37
Granite.....	1,940,799.20
Interest and discount.....	171,099.88
Horses, wagons and harness.....	18,879.33
Cast steel and cable wire.....	623,753.10
Insurance.....	8,527.13
Taxes.....	14,531.83
Scows and repairs.....	30,811.70
Office and furniture.....	6,293.47
Loss on New York city six per cent. bonds.....	9,296.00
Loss on New York city seven per cent. bonds.....	3,900.18
Freight account Edgemoor Iron Co.....	6.62
Total.....	\$11,986,386.54
Cash in bank and petty cash on hand.....	107,544.00
Cash liabilities February 1.....	107,544.00

Partial Destruction of the Danforth Locomotive Works.

Early on the morning of Sunday, March 7th, a fire broke out in the upper floor of the machine shop of the Danforth Locomotive and Machine Works, at Paterson, N. J. The fire alarm did not answer when sounded, so that the flames had fully 15 minutes start before the department turned out. It was subsequently discovered that the wires connecting the alarm-box at the works had been so tampered with that the box would not sound the alarm, a mysterious circumstance that is being investigated by the Police. The building first on fire was erected 40 years ago or more, and being saturated with oil was fine fuel for the flames, which spread rapidly, and in the course of two hours had entirely consumed the structure, in which were located not only the machine shop but the pattern room, where were stored the accumulations of years, which cannot be replaced, the blacksmith's shop, and the erecting shop. The foundry, molding shop, carpenter shop, and paint shop, on the opposite side of market street, escaped injury, as did also the shops connected with the silk and cotton machine department of the works. In the erecting shop were five locomotives "set up" and in the process of construction; one of them was all painted, and was to have been shipped to the Union Pacific Railroad immediately. The completion of these engines will be delayed for some weeks by the fire. The works were extremely busy, having orders ahead for six or eight months; they had counted on getting out nine locomotives this month; but this misfortune completely stops their production for the present, the machine shop and the erecting shop being absolutely essential for the finishing of a locomotive. However, while the ruins were still smoldering, the company began arrangements for the erection of new and much better buildings in place of those destroyed. About 300 hands will be temporarily thrown out of employment, but the other 500 will be kept at work in the remaining shops. Some of the blacksmiths have been agitating a strike for some days past, and had about concluded their plans for a turn-out next week. The fire precipitated the "turn out" sooner than they anticipated. The loss by the fire is estimated at \$150,000 to \$175,000; insured for about \$90,000 on the burned buildings.

Pittsburgh Locomotives for Japan.—The Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette says: Two locomotives have recently been ordered here for a narrow gauge railroad in the Island of Yesso, the furthest one north in the Japanese group. The English have made immense efforts to build railroads and furnish their rolling stock in Japan. They have completed two short ones in the Island of Nippon. But the Japanese government finds itself badly fleeced pecuniarily, and, besides, it fears the unscrupulous aggressiveness of that people. It has, therefore, now commissioned a respectable American engineer, Mr. Joseph U. Crawford, who has spent a year or more in that country, to obtain in the United States the engines of which we have spoken. Mr. Crawford has made contracts with parties in this city for the two engines, which are to be called the "Benkei" and "Yoshitsze," after two celebrated Japanese heroes of ancient days. They are to be provided with the latest and best improvements, including the Westinghouse air brakes. The cars for the road are to be built at York, Pa. The spikes will be obtained from this city. The rails are ordered in England. There is no reason, we imagine, why the whole plant should not be obtained from this country. These, however, are the first orders of the kind sent here from China or Japan. We confidently expect they will not be the last. It may be added, as a suggestive feature of the locomotives, that the Japanese government is specially solicitous that the spark arresters should be efficient in preventing

any chance means of exciting conflagrations in the numerous villages upon the line of the road. Were one of the thatched or dry and light shingle roofs to be set on fire, acres of the combustible houses and shops would likewise be swept entirely away. Such a calamity might prove fatal to the existence of the railroad in that region, through the hostility which might be created toward it among the people.

GLASS ITEMS.

A fire broke out on the night of the 4th instant in the chemical works and pot-house of the Depauw plate-glass manufactory, New Albany, Ind. Both were destroyed. The loss is between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Insurance \$25,000, all in Eastern companies, except \$4000 in the American Central of St. Louis.

The Pittsburgh Clay Pot Company, Limited, have their factory at Manchester in operation, giving employment to some 30 persons, and this number will shortly be increased. They expect to turn out 90 to 100 glass melting pots per month, and will have the first lot ready for delivery about the 1st of next month. The factory is fitted up in the most complete manner, and supplied with all necessary machinery, including two clay mills, one a very large one. The arrangements are admirable, the clay entering at one side and passing regularly from hand to hand and process to process until it emerges in the shape of pots ready for the drying room. The success of the new enterprise is now assured.

The committee of the Union Glass Works Co., which propose to erect a factory at Bellaire, had a conference with Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad officials relative to a site, but failed to make an agreement. They have purchased a site which comprises an acre, paying for it \$2500. They will open a street around the works, and town lots will be laid off. The glass company also gets a coal privilege for five years.

Page, Harding & Co., who, in 1850, commenced in Massachusetts the manufacture of plate and window glass, are now employing 200 hands at their factory in Berkshire. They are running two 10-pot furnaces and turn out about 200 boxes of glass per day. They also make large quantities of glass shades.

The Belmont Glass Works, at Bellaire, Ohio, were erected in 1866, and have been very successful. The plant covers more than an acre of ground; two furnaces—19 pots—are operated, and the output annually is worth between \$150,000 and \$200,000. They now have orders sufficient to keep them running for the next three months.

The glass business in Pittsburgh is just now considerably hindered by the failure of the manufacturers to secure enough pots with which to manufacture sufficient stock to fill orders. In consequence of this, nearly all of the prominent firms on the South Side are from two to three months behind their orders, they having comparatively no hope of securing enough pots to run their factories until June. There is only one firm in Pittsburgh which manufactures these pots, and since the present boom in the glass trade set in the capacity of this establishment has been run to the fullest extent, but is, even under those circumstances, behind. Another pot house, which is controlled by the glass manufacturers themselves, and which is located out of the city, is manufacturing these pots as fast as possible; but as the orders came in so late, and as it takes about three months for the new pots to dry after their manufacture, they cannot be utilized before June.

Mr. J. J. Gill, of the Acme Glass Works, Steubenville, Ohio, has made some valuable discoveries and improvements in the method of melting glass. The furnace is known as the "direct-acting" glass furnace, and is a modified form of the Boetius furnace, patented in the United States as well as foreign countries. The gas is produced by generators immediately below the bench or floor of the melting chamber, and is burned by the introduction of highly heated air. The advantages claimed for this furnace are that it uses inferior fuel, and also much less fuel than other furnaces; that it gives a higher and more uniform heat, which results in a greater yield of melted glass; is easily regulated; can be built for less money than other gas furnaces; and that the old-fashioned furnaces can be readily and economically transformed into it. Gill Bros. are running two of these furnaces, and Hobbs, Brockunier & Co., of Wheeling, one. Last week the Hobbs furnace melted 58 large pots of glass, and in a run of 23 weeks they have reset only three of the original pots.

The Messrs. Atterbury & Co., of Pittsburgh, are experimenting with an open pot in their furnace.

The new vial and bottle factory of J. T. & A. Hamilton, of Pittsburgh, is rapidly nearing completion.

Every department of the glass works at Beaver Falls is fully manned and very busy on large orders. Among the many and various orders is a recent one for 200 gross of bird cups. These works have shipped over 500 gross of these little articles in the last six months.

The cable brings the following damaging evidence, the first in regard to the quality of the materials employed in the construction of the Tay Bridge: Several molders, employed by the contractors of the bridge, testified that the quality of the iron used for the castings was very inferior; that the columns were frequently defective, of unequal thickness, cracked and scabbed, and that the cracks and holes were filled with putty or cement and painted over. Should these statements be verified, they add another grave defect to those of design and construction, already fully proven by the inquiry of leading technical journals.

It is not generally known that the nickel five-cent piece now so extensively in circulation furnishes a key to the metric units of measure and weight. This coin is 2 centimeters in diameter and its weight is 5 grams. Five of them placed in a row will give the length of the decimeter, and two of them will weigh a decagram. As a kilogram is a cubic meter, the key to the measure of length is also the key to measures of capacity.

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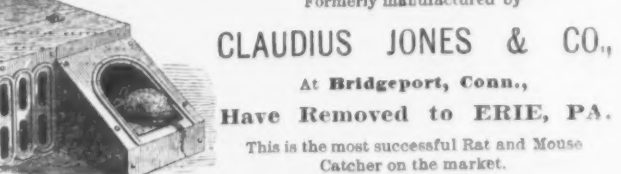
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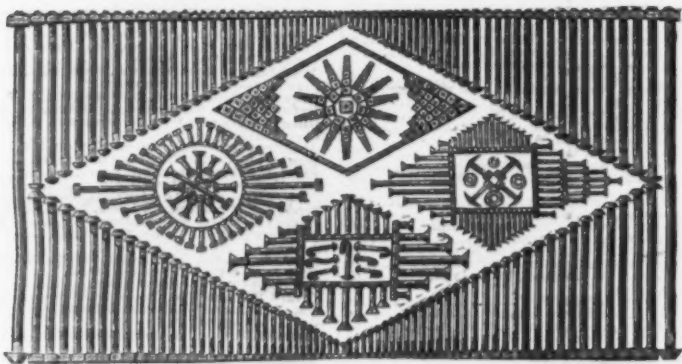
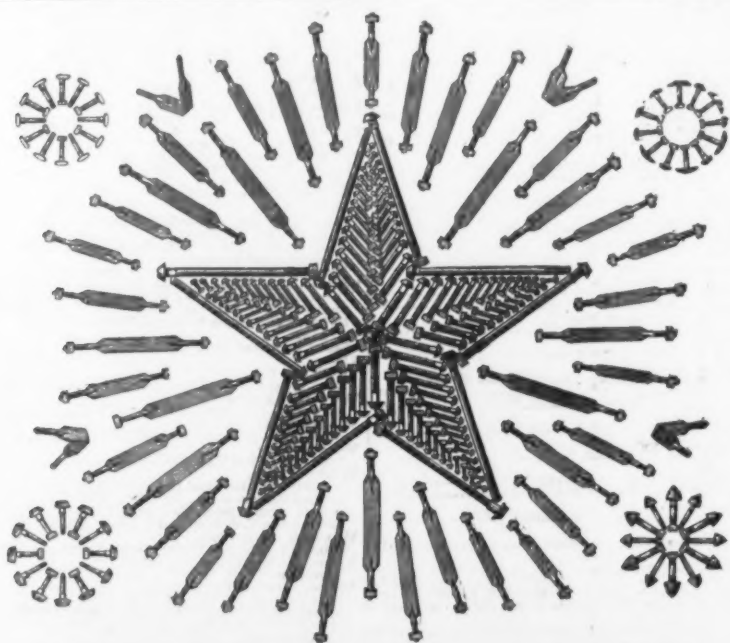


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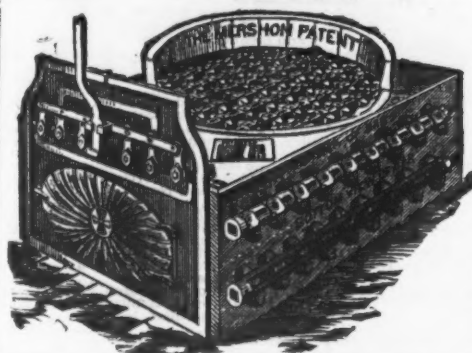
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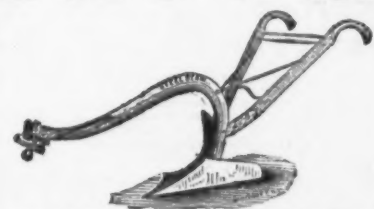
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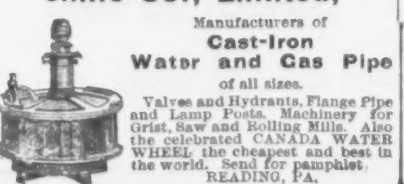
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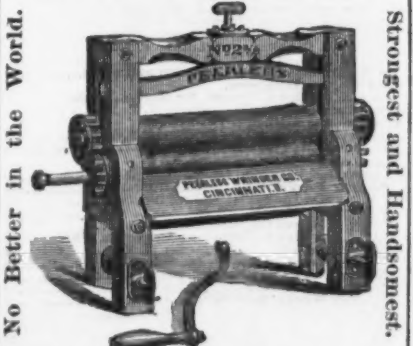
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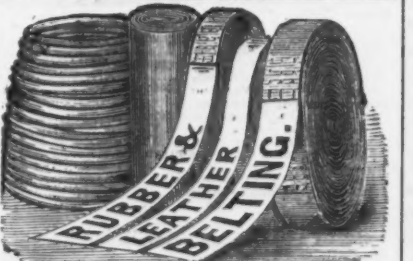
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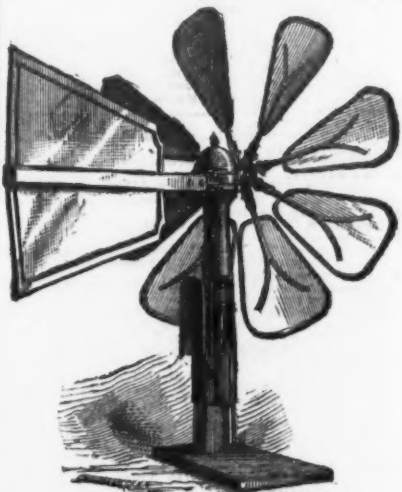


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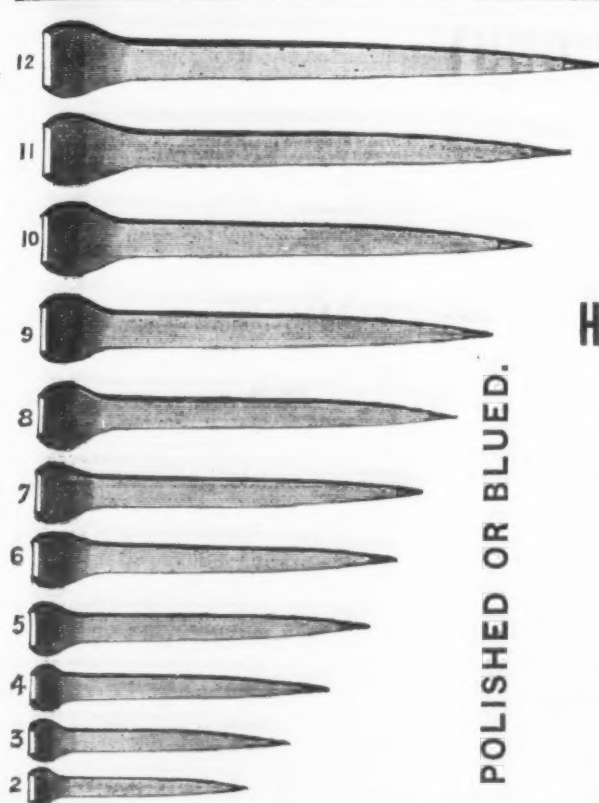
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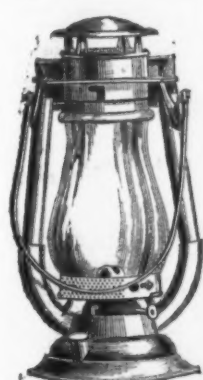
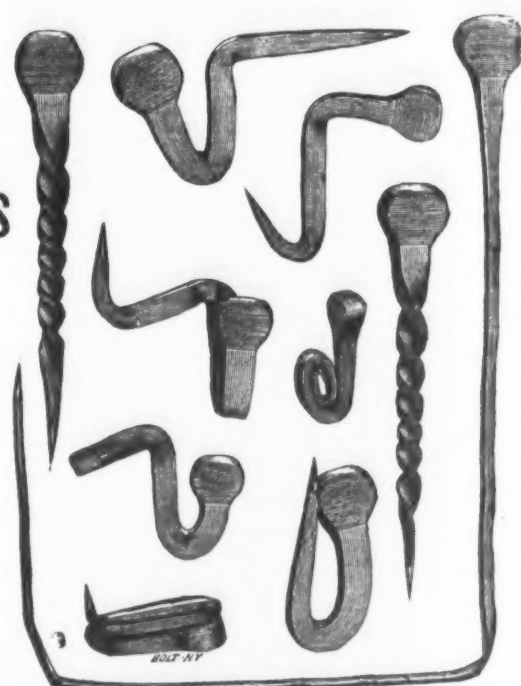
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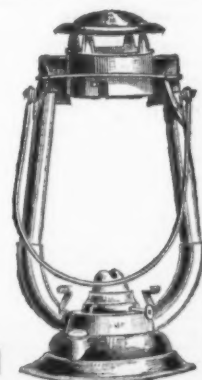
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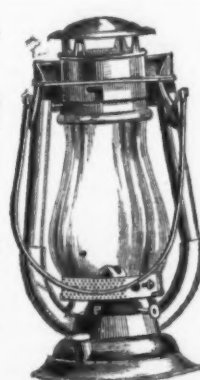
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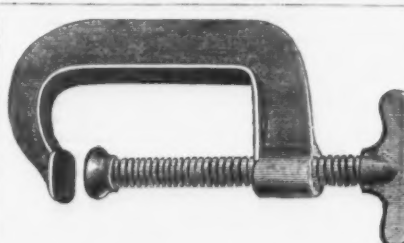


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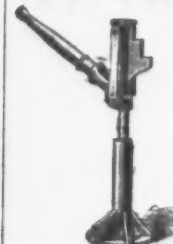


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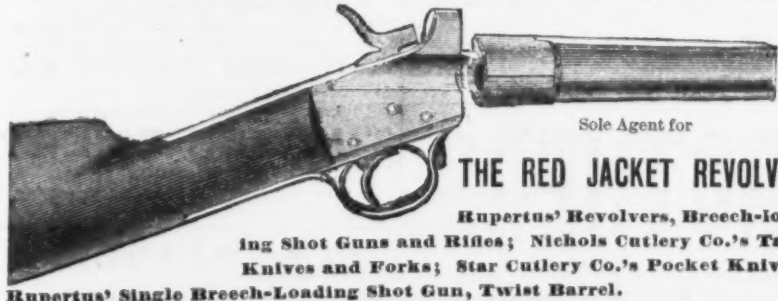
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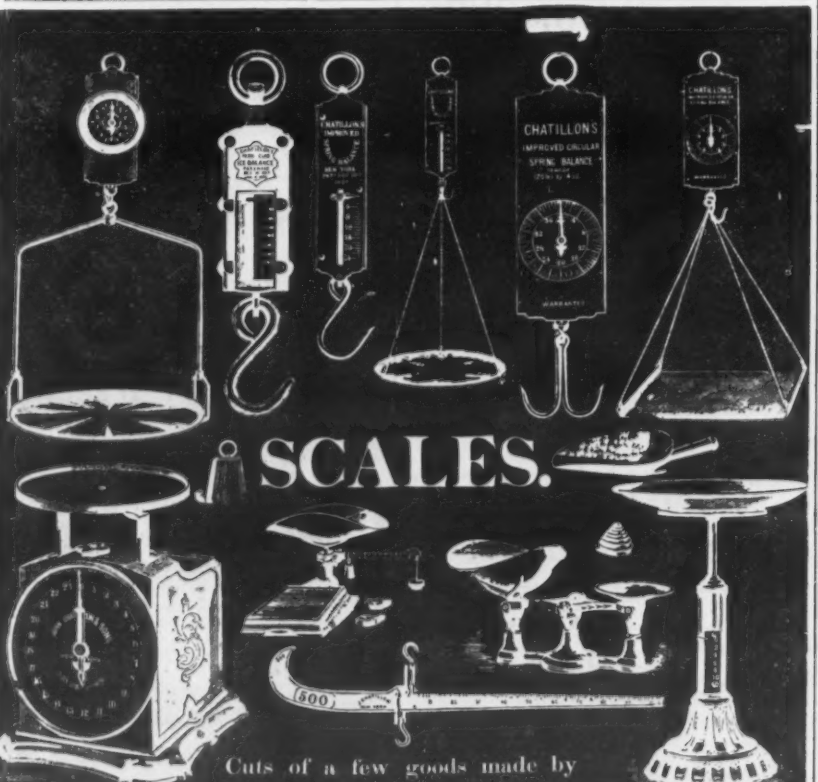
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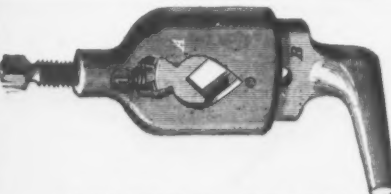
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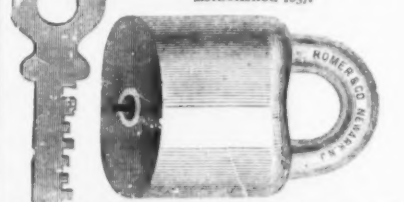
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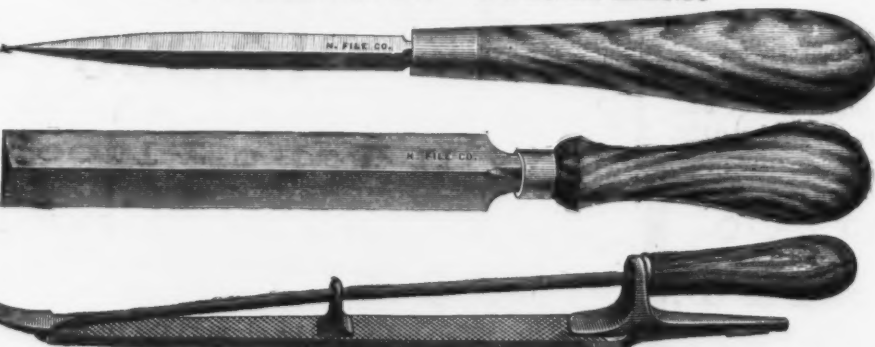
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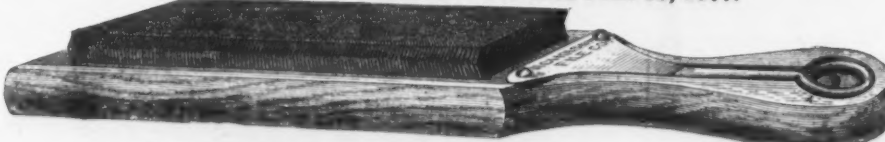


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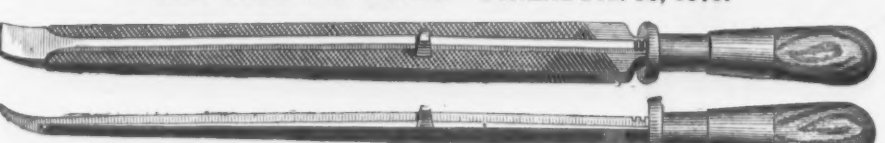
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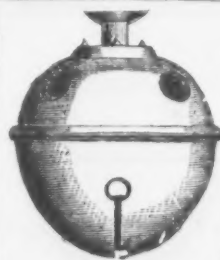
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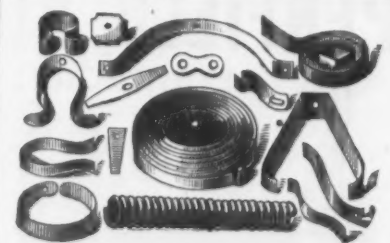
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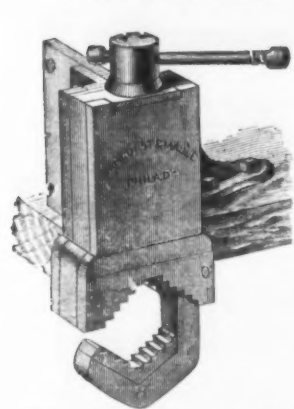
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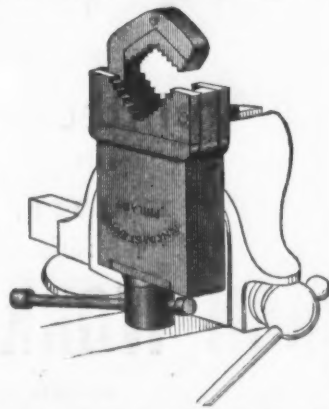
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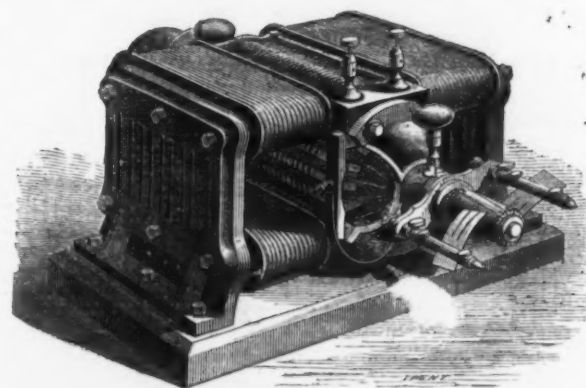
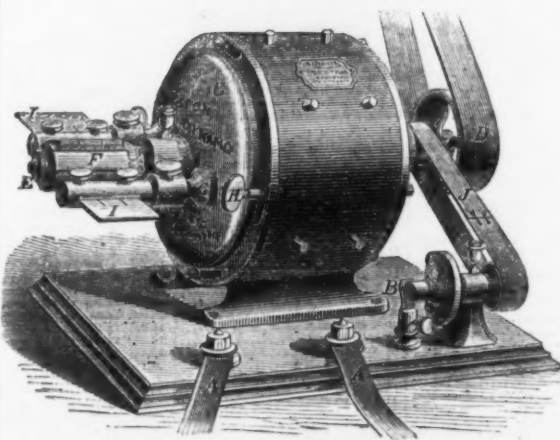
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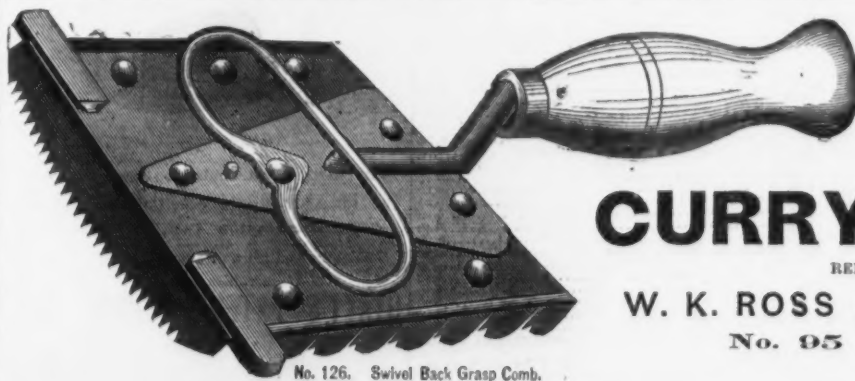
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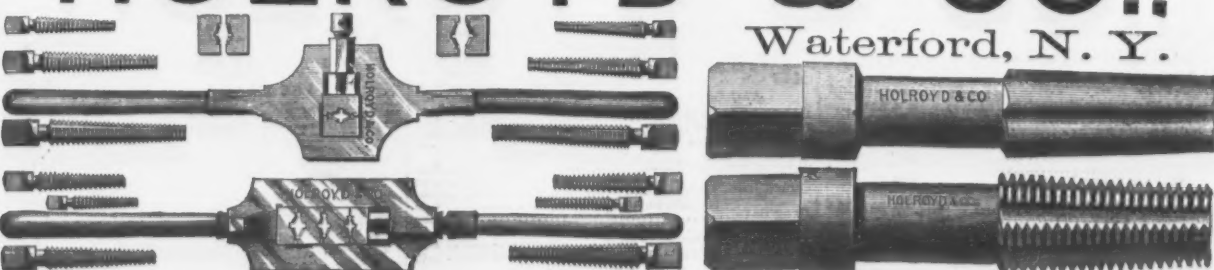
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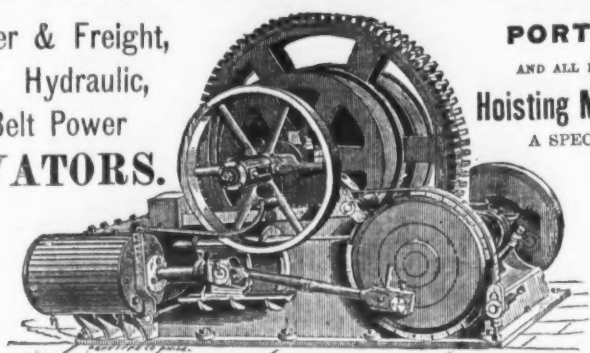
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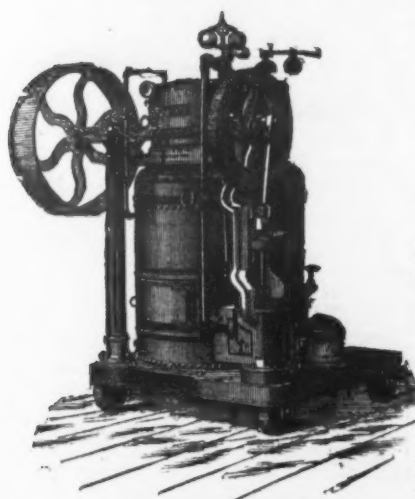


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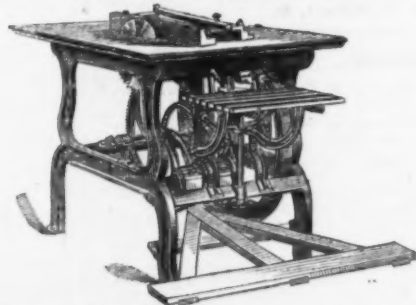
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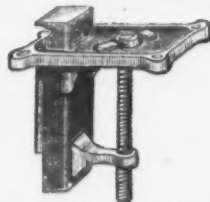
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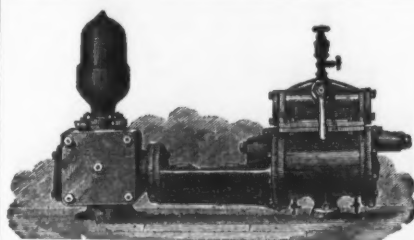
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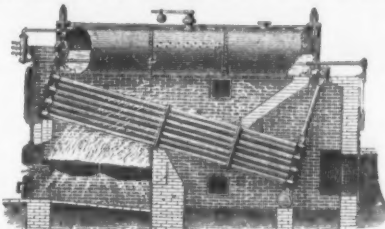
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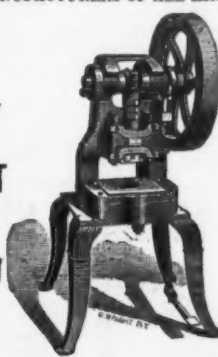
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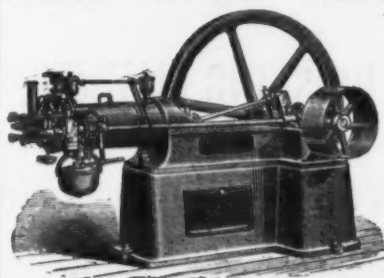
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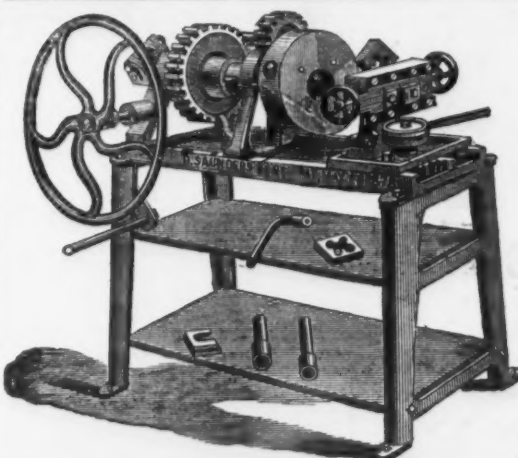
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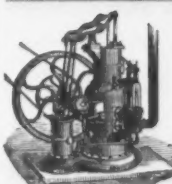
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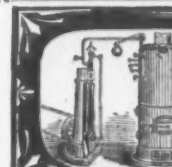


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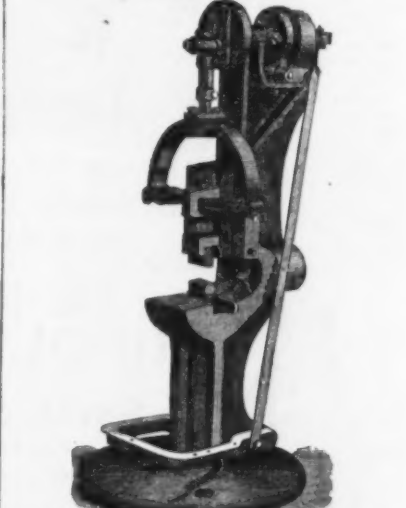
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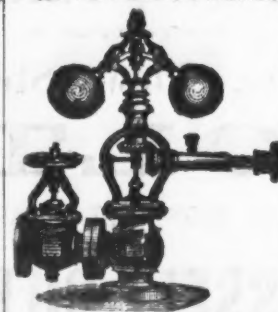
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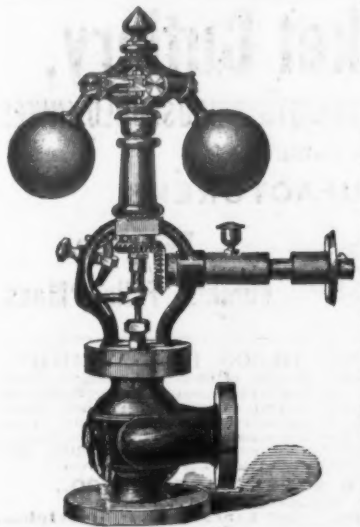
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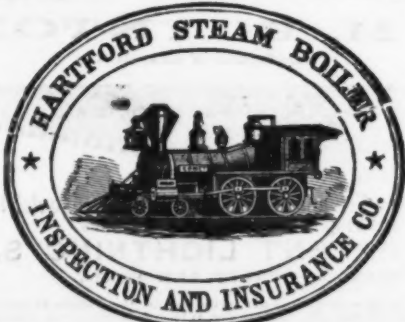


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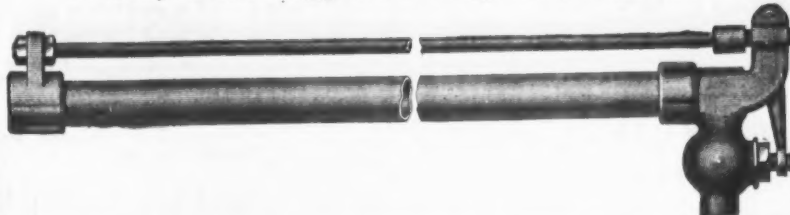
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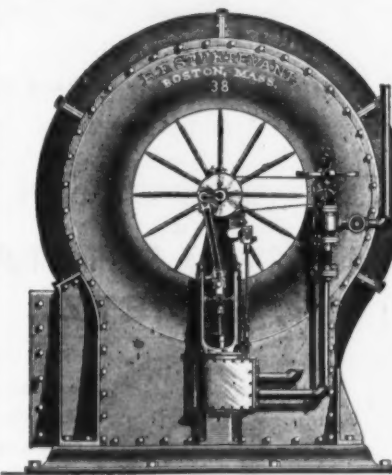
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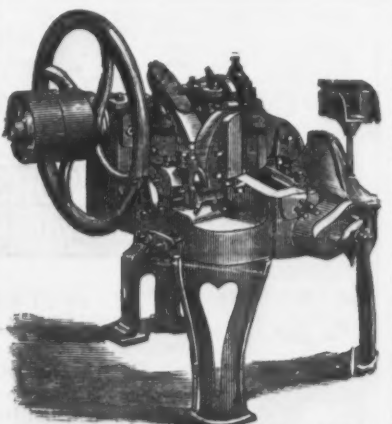
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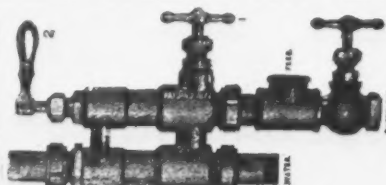
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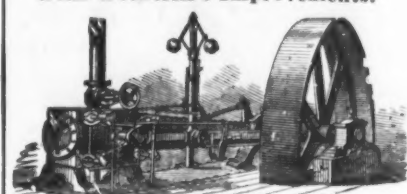
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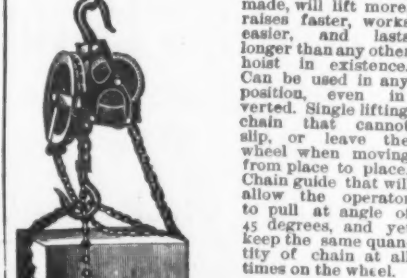
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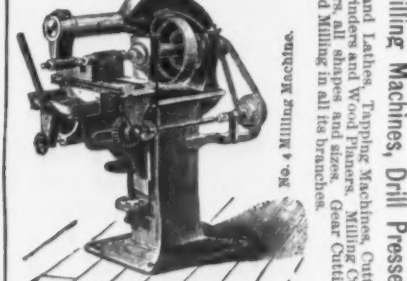
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